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**Astute Networks Announces First-to-Market  
Storage Blade with Support for RAID 6**

**SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jul. 28, 2009** -- Astute Networks, Inc., a leading provider of bladed storage solutions optimized for the most demanding applications on the edge of the network, today announced an update to its Edge Storage Foundation Suite, including support for RAID Level 6 for its Caspian Edge Storage Blade products.

RAID (redundant array of independent disks) Level 6 protects against multiple disk drive failures by creating double parity on a multi-disk storage array. As drive capacities and system configurations increase exponentially, the need for insurance against simultaneous drive failures also increases. Duplication of parity using RAID 6 decreases system risk and downtime and provides advanced fault tolerance over conventional RAID levels.

The Astute Networks Edge Storage Foundation Suite (ESFS) is an extensible storage and systems framework designed to provide a flexible suite of services including: storage access, security, high-availability software, SNMP remote management, SAS/SATA/SSD drive support and expansion capabilities for the Caspian E1112 RTM and J1110 JBOD. The ESFS is vital for leveraging the open standards of the Advanced Telecommunications Computing Architecture (ATCA) and creating the deployment simplicity and ease of use required to meet the business, operational and capital expenditure needs of operators worldwide.

“Support for RAID 6 adds yet another essential capability to our Edge Storage Foundation Suite of services,” said Dr. Simon Knee, vice president of software and architecture, Astute Networks, Inc. “With certifications such as NEBS Level 3, ETSI and Mil-Spec, we can protect the physical security of our systems. Now, with the availability of RAID 6, we can also provide an enhanced level of logical security for our customers’ valuable data.”

The Caspian Edge Storage Blade utilizes the SAS1078 RAID-on-Chip (ROC) storage processor and MegaRAID® software from LSI™ Corporation.

“By utilizing the SAS1078 controller IC and MegaRAID software suite, Astute Networks’ Caspian Edge Storage Blade products deliver RAID 6 performance in an ATCA storage blade form factor,” said Kelly Bryant, DAS Storage Business Line Director, Engenio® Storage Group, LSI. “We are pleased to be working in partnership with Astute Networks to provide this important functionality to their product set.”

#### **About Astute Networks, Inc.**

Astute Networks is the leading provider of bladed storage solutions for edge applications such as Telecom Network Control, IPTV/VoD, Military C4I, and video surveillance. Our focus is to provide you the most reliable storage platform with the highest performance, greatest rack densities, and power efficiencies - while being easy to deploy and maintain. Our solutions enable you to achieve lower lifecycle costs, faster time to market and higher competitiveness for you and your company. Astute Networks is located in San Diego, California and is backed by venture capital firms including Tallwood Venture Capital, Sevin Rosen Funds, Scale Venture Partners, KeyNote Ventures, U.S. Venture Partners and Narra Venture Capital. Additional information is available at [www.astutenetworks.com](http://www.astutenetworks.com). Astute Networks - Edge Storage Made Simple™

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