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John Shoemaker Joins Astute Networks Board of Directors

San Diego, CA – Oct. 27, 2008 – Astute Networks, Inc., a leading provider of bladed storage solutions optimized for the most demanding applications on the edge of the network, today announced that John C. Shoemaker has been appointed to the Astute Networks board of directors.

Mr. Shoemaker has over three decades of experience in the high-technology industry. From 1990 to 2004, Mr. Shoemaker held various executive management positions at Sun Microsystems, Inc., and served most recently as executive vice president, computer systems until his retirement. From 1969 to 1990, Mr. Shoemaker served in various executive management positions at Xerox Corporation where his most recent position was senior vice president of worldwide marketing. Mr. Shoemaker received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Business from Hanover College, where he is currently on the board of trustees. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University where he serves as a principal director for the Indiana University Foundation. He also serves as a member of the School of Business Dean's Advisory Council and the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Mr. Shoemaker is chairman of the board at SonicWALL, Inc. and also serves as director for Altera, Inc. and Extreme Networks, Inc.

"We are very pleased that John Shoemaker has joined the Astute Networks board of directors," said Clark Masters, president and chief executive officer, Astute Networks.

"John's extensive industry knowledge and vast experience in the areas of operations, sales and marketing will contribute greatly to the company's strategic initiatives."

“I am delighted to have been appointed to the Astute Networks board,” said Mr. Shoemaker. “The company is well positioned for success with a number of new partnerships, innovative edge storage products and an aggressive go-to-market strategy. I look forward to making contributions that will support Astute Networks in achieving its goals and objectives.”

About Astute Networks

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. Astute Networks - Edge Storage Made Simple™

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