



## News Release

### NETGEAR ReadyNAS Brings Virtualisation to SMBs

*Leading SMB Storage Platform Now Supports VMware via NFS; Channel Partners Can Deliver Virtualisation to SMBs*

**Bracknell, UK. — September 30, 2009** — NETGEAR®, Inc. (NASDAQGM: NTGR), a worldwide provider of technologically innovative, branded networking solutions, today announced that its ReadyNAS® family of unified network storage devices for the Small- to Medium-sized Business (SMB) market are certified as compatible with VMware®'s industry-leading ESX 4.0 virtualisation solution. With this announcement, NETGEAR's award-winning ReadyNAS storage products can be fully integrated with VMware, providing SMBs with the benefits of virtualisation at an affordable price point. As a result, NETGEAR channel partners can now deliver virtualisation solutions to SMBs for as little as \$1,000 in a desktop form factor.

"Server virtualisation is traditionally the domain of the datacentre. NETGEAR ReadyNAS systems can now bring cost savings and availability to SMBs with newly affordable solutions," said Drew Meyer, director of marketing for NETGEAR's Network Storage Business Unit. "NETGEAR is committed to staying at the leading edge of feature functionality for SMBs, so our choice to integrate with VMware was an easy one."

NETGEAR's entire ReadyNAS product line, from the desktop ReadyNAS Pro and ReadyNAS NVX, to the rack-mountable ReadyNAS 2100 and 3200, can take advantage of this new certification using the Network File System (NFS) protocol. Now, SMBs can reduce their server and storage costs while simplifying infrastructure management and flexibility. SMBs seeking first-time virtualisation can cost-effectively implement a certified ReadyNAS with VMware solution and eliminate dedicated file servers, while current ReadyNAS users can easily deploy a VMware solution without purchasing additional storage capacity. And partners can use ReadyNAS to deliver a powerful and still affordable unified storage solution.

Rich DePas, principal at Data Coordination, is extremely pleased with his experience with ReadyNAS and VMware. In a solution he built for a small dental office, he deployed a ReadyNAS 2100 with VMware to host two sessions over NFS. "I feel much more confident running my business on the ReadyNAS 2100 than on old outdated servers. I have as many as 200 users hitting my ReadyNAS, so I needed a solution that could scale with my customer base. And since all business-critical data will be stored on the ReadyNAS 2100, a failure of the mounting server won't be a major problem. The other server will simply mount the 2100 and they'll be back online in a few minutes."

The entire story of Rich's ReadyNAS implementation, as well as more information on the ReadyNAS line of products and how they work with VMware, can be read in detail at <http://www.readynas.com>.

NETGEAR's ReadyNAS storage products have received high acclaim since their introduction to the market – winning such esteemed awards as CRN's 2008 "Best Product of the Year", Small Business Computing's 2009 "Excellence in Technology" award as chosen by readers, and Business Solutions' 2009 "Best Channel Products" for reliability/durability and ease of integration as surveyed by Value-Added Resellers (VARs). NETGEAR's ReadyNAS appliances come with full 24/7 technical support and an industry-leading five-year warranty. In addition, ReadyNAS products integrate seamlessly with NETGEAR's ProSecure™ and ProSafe™ lines of security, switching and wireless networking products to provide a complete solution for SMBs.

About NETGEAR, Inc.

NETGEAR (NASDAQGM: NTGR) designs innovative, branded technology solutions that address the specific networking, storage, and security needs of Small- to Medium-sized Businesses (SMBs) and home



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users. The company offers an end-to-end networking product portfolio to enable users to share Internet access, peripherals, files, multimedia content, and applications among multiple computers and other Internet-enabled devices. Products are built on a variety of proven technologies such as wireless, Ethernet and powerline, with a focus on reliability and ease-of-use. NETGEAR products are sold in over 29,000 retail locations around the globe, and via more than 41,000 value-added resellers. The company's headquarters are in San Jose, Calif., with additional offices in 25 countries. NETGEAR is an ENERGY STAR® partner. More information is available at <http://www.netgear.co.uk>. Follow NETGEAR at <http://twitter.com/NETGEAR> and <http://www.facebook.com/netgear>.

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