



# Mellanox Technologies Elected a Sponsoring Member of The InfiniBand Trade Association

## **Selection Recognizes Mellanox's Innovations in the InfiniBand Architecture Initiative**

SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA and YOKNEAM, ISRAEL, Feb 05, 2002 - Mellanox™ Technologies Ltd., the leading supplier of InfiniBand™ semiconductors, announced today its election as a sponsoring member of the InfiniBand Trade Association (IBTA). As a sponsoring member of the IBTA, Mellanox looks forward to playing a greater role in driving the efforts for the deployment of the InfiniBand architecture in the data center.

The InfiniBand Trade Association is comprised of more than 180 companies dedicated to delivering InfiniBand channel-based, switched fabric technology that reduces IT costs and increases performance by enabling clustering, communication and storage traffic over a common high performance, highly available and low latency interconnect.

Mellanox Technologies has delivered multiple generations of innovative InfiniBand switch and channel adapter silicon technology to the data center market. Mellanox has been shipping 10Gb/s InfiniBridge™ channel adapters and switches since January 2001, and began shipping its second-generation InfiniScale™ switch in October 2001. InfiniScale is an eight-port 4X (10Gb/s) switch and the first available device with an integrated physical layer.

Mellanox products are designed to improve performance and reduce IT costs in enterprise and Internet data centers while enhancing reliability, availability, serviceability and scalability through

the deployment of InfiniBand technology. Mellanox continues to provide innovative reference platforms, which enable the development of InfiniBand technology products. The company's latest platform, Nitro, offers the first ever InfiniBand blade reference design, and integrates server, switch and I/O blades in a single chassis, enabling a "Data Center in a Box". This platform demonstrates the significant advantages that the InfiniBand architecture provides over other technologies introduced in first generation blade designs.

"Mellanox is dedicated to continuing to deliver industry leading silicon solutions that enhance InfiniBand technology and improve the cost, performance and availability of data centers," said Kevin Deierling, vice president of Product Marketing for Mellanox Technologies. "Mellanox has been a vocal advocate for the InfiniBand architecture since inception and welcomes the opportunity to play a greater roll in promoting its advancement. We will show the same level of dedication, commitment and excellence to the IBTA as we have to our industry leading InfiniBand silicon solutions."

"As a leading driver of the InfiniBand architecture specifications, Intel foresaw the benefits that the InfiniBand architecture would deliver to blade computing," said Jim Pappas director of initiative marketing for Intel's Enterprise Platform Group. "Blade server reference platforms like Mellanox's Nitro blades offer a first look at the tremendous value that InfiniBand architecture brings to blade computing."

### **About InfiniBand Trade Association**

The Internet is creating an increased demand for server computer I/O subsystem performance, scalability, reliability and flexibility. A shift to a switched fabric-based I/O architecture will enable industry participants to meet this increased demand. The InfiniBand Trade Association developed a specification for a channel-based, switched fabric architecture that provides a scalable performance range of 500 Mbyte/s to 6 Gbyte/s, meeting the needs from entry-level to high-end enterprise systems. InfiniBand Trade Association represents the industry's choice for developing I/O technologies that will keep pace with the demands of the Internet age.

## About Mellanox Technologies

Mellanox Technologies is the leading supplier of InfiniBand semiconductors, providing Switches, Host Channel Adapters, and Target Channel Adapters to the server, communications and data storage markets. In January 2001, Mellanox delivered the InfiniBridge MT21108, the first 1X/ 4X InfiniBand device to market, and is now shipping second-generation InfiniScale silicon. The company has raised more than \$33 million to date and has strong corporate and venture backing from Intel Capital, Raza Venture Management, Sequoia Capital, and US Venture Partners. In May 2001, Mellanox was selected by the Red Herring Magazine as one of the 50 most important private companies in the world and to Computerworld Magazine Top 100 Emerging Companies for 2002. Mellanox currently has more than 200 employees in multiple sites worldwide. The company's business operations, sales, marketing and customer support are headquartered in Santa Clara, CA; with the design, engineering, software, system validation, and quality and reliability operations based in Israel. For more information on Mellanox, visit [www.mellanox.com](http://www.mellanox.com).

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