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InfiniBand® Trade Association Announces Development of New Signaling Rate Specification
Group to Host Developers' Conference to Discuss Performance Beyond 30Gbps

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan 20, 2004 – The InfiniBand Trade Association (IBTA) today announced that it has begun work on a specification designed to increase the performance capability of the interconnect technology beyond its current limit of 30 Gbps per direction. The group will host a Developers' Conference, February 16 in San Francisco to discuss the group's new technology development. The half-day event will include review of specification advancements.

“With widespread InfiniBand product adoption in view, it is now time for the industry to come together and look at the next phase of InfiniBand development. With processing performance continuing to increase with Moore's Law, interconnect technologies must keep pace.” said Bob Zak, Sun Microsystems' representative to the IBTA steering committee. “The new specification is looking to at least double the signaling rate to push InfiniBand link performance beyond the 100Gbps barrier. The February Developers' Conference gives our membership an opportunity to hear the latest updates on specification development currently underway.”

The Developers' Conference will also focus on improving the InfiniBand ecosystem by addressing issues such as QoS and enhanced software interfaces for improved InfiniBand alignment with other industry specifications. To register for this event, please visit www.infinibandta.org.

Started in August 1999, the InfiniBand Trade Association is made up of leading companies from every segment of the industry. The InfiniBand specifications are publicly available for download from the Trade Association website: www.infinibandta.org. The InfiniBand Trade Association is comprised of eight special workgroups, each with its own charter and area of expertise. The workgroups include: Marketing, Technical, Applications, Compliance and Interoperability, ElectroMechanical, Link, Management, and Software.

About the 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 500Mbyte/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.

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