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**Ciara Technologies adds Bright Cluster Manager® to next generation desktide cluster system.**

### **Ciara Technologies and Bright Cluster Manager® partnership official.**

Montreal, Canada, November 14, 2011 – Ciara Technologies today announced that the company has entered into an OEM agreement with Bright Computing. This agreement enables Ciara to offer Bright Cluster Manager® as a strategic offering for its high-performance, next generation desktide cluster system, called NEXXUS C. The NEXXUS C system is configured for maximum efficiency in performance, functionality, and cost for individuals and departmental workgroups wanting to harness high performance computing without the complexity of traditional clusters. Bright Cluster Manager will provide a centralized monitoring and management solution for power management, image management, trouble-shooting, system provisioning, workload management and system health monitoring on the NEXXUS C.

"Our goal for the NEXXUS C desktide cluster is focused on expanding the customer base of HPC users by designing and delivering a product based on the principle of ease-of-use computing" said Patrick Scateni, Vice President Sales and Marketing at CIARA. "Bright Cluster Manager manages cluster computing systems in a simple and intuitive way that reinforces this goal and we are excited to offer this solution to customers through our extensive network of worldwide resellers."

"The NEXXUS C delivers unprecedented power at the desk-side, lowering the barrier of entry for HPC," said Dr. Matthijs van Leeuwen, CEO of Bright Computing. "This system, combined with the Bright Cluster Manager's intuitive management software, will undoubtedly extend the benefits of using HPC into organizations that lack the resources and skills to maintain complex clusters. I see the NEXXUS C as a big step forward in supporting innovation and discovery."

#### **About Ciara :**

CIARA is a leading global provider of products, technologies, software, solutions and services to small and medium sized businesses ("SMBs"), large enterprises (Top 1000) and the public sectors including government, defence and educational entities. We serve customers located in more than 60 countries spread across 5 continents. CIARA designs, develops, markets, services and supports a variety of systems ranging from mobile devices to high-end supercomputers. These systems includes personal computers, mobile devices (Laptops and Tablets), industry standard servers (ATLAS rack-mount or tower servers, Telco/Carrier Grade servers and appliances, High Performance Computing systems such as the NEXXUS® Personal Cluster, the KRONOS and KRONOS S-Line workstations, and TITAN GPU servers. Founded in

1984, Ciara's headquarters and primary manufacturing plant is located in Montreal, Canada and has offices across Canada and the US. For more information, visit our website at [www.ciaratech.com](http://www.ciaratech.com).

**About Bright Computing :**

Bright Computing specializes in management software for clusters, grids and clouds, including those used for computing, storage, big data, Hadoop and databases. Bright's fundamental approach and intuitive interface makes cluster management easy, while providing powerful and complete management capabilities for increasing productivity. Bright Cluster Manager is the solution of choice for many research institutes, universities, and companies across the world, including several Top500 installations. Bright Cluster Manager is certified as Intel® Cluster Ready. Bright Computing has its headquarters in San Jose, California. [www.brightcomputing.com](http://www.brightcomputing.com)

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