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**CIARATECH has signed a distribution agreement with SMC Networks to incorporate SMC's 1 Gb and 10 Gb managed switches and network adapter cards into its state-of-the-art server solutions.**

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**Montreal, Canada** – CIARATECH, one of Canada's largest manufacturers of Intel-based computers and provider of computer systems including desktop and mobile computers, graphic workstations, rack-mounted and tower servers, and networked storage solutions, today announced the signing of a distribution agreement with SMC Networks®, a leading provider of advanced, high performance networking solutions for the SMB and enterprise markets.

With access to SMC Networks' entire portfolio of network infrastructure solutions, which includes enterprise-class managed, unmanaged and intelligent switches, server adapters and network routers, CIARATECH plans to incorporate SMC's 1 Gb and 10 Gb managed switches and network interface cards into its server solutions and its extensive family of communication products.

"We're truly excited about this relationship with SMC Networks as it builds upon our existing reputation by enabling us to add a networking component that delivers a proven level of performance, ease-of-use, reliability and value to our customers," stated Patrick Scateni, Vice President of the Enterprise Solutions Group (ESG) at CIARATECH. "SMC's products are supported by easily-accessible technical resources and the company backs up its products with an industry-leading warranty program and expert technical support. We are confident that SMC Networks will be a strong partner for us and will enable us to continue to grow our marketshare worldwide in an ever-increasingly competitive marketplace."

"We are proud to have been selected as CIARATECH's networking solution of choice for inclusion in their world-class, state-of-the-art computer systems," explained Keith Alexis, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for SMC Networks. "CIARATECH is dedicated to delivering scalable high-performance computing solutions into high-density environments that demand reliability, affordability and quality. Our comprehensive family of switching and adapter products provide CIARATECH with the ability to deliver solutions designed for any computing environment from small- and medium-sized businesses, to high-performance environments that run demanding applications such as virtualization, IP-based communications systems and storage area networks."

## **About CIARATECH**

Incorporated in 1984, CIARATECH is one of the largest Canadian manufacturers of Intel-based computers and is a world-class global technology provider. CIARATECH designs, develops, markets, services, and supports a variety of computer systems including desktop, mobile computers, graphic workstations, Enterprise-Class systems including NEXXUS-4000® Personal Cluster, the acclaimed VXRACK® high density blade server, VXPRO® rack-mount & tower servers, VXSTOR® networked storage, GRAPHIXX® high-end workstations and the revolutionary CIARATECH thin client.

CIARATECH Integration Solutions Group (ISG) also provides end-to-end manufacturing solutions, delivering world-class quality and support to medium and large OEMs primarily in the communications, computing, defense and industrial markets. CIARATECH is at the forefront of the computing industry due to its commitment to leading or bleeding-edge technology, cost-effective manufacturing and unparalleled customer service.

## **About SMC Networks**

SMC Networks is a leading provider of affordable, easy-to-use, high-performance networking solutions for the consumer, small- and medium-sized businesses, and enterprise markets. With a global presence that supports customers throughout the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific, SMC leverages its heritage of over 35 years to deliver to market a level of quality, reliability and technological advancement that has established it as one of the premier network companies in the industry.

Since 2003, SMC has maintained a Green portfolio of networking products demonstrating its commitment to the environment at a very early stage. In 2008, Instat confirmed SMC's commitment to go beyond cursory attempts at power management when it stated that SMC was one of the top five most energy efficient in the 24/48 port managed switch category. SMC's Green Policy is a key component of the company's core strength that can be leveraged by its install base.

SMC Networks is headquartered in Irvine, Calif. For more information, visit the company's Web site at [www.smc.com](http://www.smc.com) or call (800) SMC-4YOU.

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