DATAPOWER INTEGRATES WITH F5'S BIG-IP PRODUCT, DEMONSTRATING THE POWER OF COMBINING APPLICATION TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND XML-AWARE NETWORKING

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--November 17th, 2003-- DataPower Technology, Inc., the leading provider of intelligent XML-Aware Network (XAN) infrastructure, announced that they have joined F5 Networks' iControl Alliance Program in order to deliver and market joint solutions with F5 Networks. As part of the alliance, the companies have demonstrated interoperability between F5's industry leading BIG-IP® Application Traffic Management products and DataPower's XML-Aware Networking devices. The F5 and DataPower partnership offers Web-service-enabled enterprises superior network intelligence, message-level security, wirespeed performance and reliability using XML-aware application traffic management.

"We've seen a sharp rise of XML and Web Services traffic that is driving the need for increased network security, intelligence and performance.. This solution developed by DataPower combines our BIG-IP Application Switch with DataPower's XML-Aware Networking devices, offering customers sophisticated traffic management and XML Web Services processing capabilities," said Jim Ritchings, Vice President of Business Development at F5 Networks.The solution enables network administrators to efficiently route XML traffic to DataPower's devices for overall improved performance, security, scale and network reliability."

[DataPower's XS40 XML Security Gateway](#) and [DataPower XA35 XML Accelerator](#) represent the industry's only true network devices (rather than server appliances) for offloading XML processing and securing Web services. Both companies have developed SOAP-based management APIs, and the compatibility between F5's groundbreaking iControl API and DataPower's web services management API is an essential component of the partnership (see associated news ["DataPower Provides First WS-I Compliant SOAP-Based Interface for Managing XML-Aware Networking Devices"](#)). Continuing a precedent established by routers, proxy caches, SSL accelerators, content switches, and content delivery networks (CDNs), new enterprise applications are driving the segmentation of the "application stack" and the incorporation of advanced application functionality into networks. The successful interoperability between F5's BIG-IP and DataPower's XAN devices offers customers the assurance of an easy to implement solution that provides the security, intelligence and predictability of application traffic necessary for today's unpredictable applications that increasingly include XML and Web Services.

"Enterprises today require advanced application-aware networks that are able to intelligently route, accelerate, and secure traffic, traffic which is increasingly XML-encoded," says Eugene Kuznetsov, chairman and CTO at DataPower Technology Inc. "To meet these demands, DataPower continues to partner and to actively participate in multi-vendor interoperability testing, exercising our award-winning products with other leading networking vendors like F5 and provide best-of-breed network capabilities to our

customers. F5 deserves special recognition for its visionary decision to enable SOAP-based programmatic control of its network devices using iControl – allowing for the next level of intelligence in heterogeneous networks."

The partnership between F5 Networks and DataPower Technology offers near linear scalability, increased efficiency and high reliability for enterprises deploying Web Service and XML applications. Previously, to increase performance and or to ensure security, enterprises were forced to make extensive application changes, purchase expensive servers, and suffer high ongoing operational costs. F5 and DataPower help solve this challenge, making it easier to manage servers, lower or even eliminate special development costs, and dramatically reduce the quantity of hardware and level of effort required to secure and accelerate XML applications.

Today's enterprises are deploying mission-critical XML applications, such as portal, application integration and web services, that demand CPU-intensive XML processing functions like security and transformation. DataPower offers a family of XML-Aware Networking devices that are powered by its own patent-pending XG3™ – the only true wirespeed XML processing technology in the world. Coupled with leading Application Traffic Management providers like F5, DataPower enables the most comprehensive security, fastest application processing and carrier-grade reliability for all Web Service and XML applications. The combined F5 and DataPower solution helps customers implement "best practice" architectures for XML web services without the usual high costs, lengthy delays and security risks.

About F5 Networks
F5 Networks keeps IP-based traffic flowing and business information always available to any user from any device, anywhere in the world. Our products ensure secure and reliable access to servers and the applications that run on them. F5 also provide tools to automate communications between applications and the network, eliminating tedious, manual processes.
As the pioneers of intelligent load balancing, F5's continued innovations help businesses optimize and protect their IT investments. Our mission is to ensure the availability, scalability, performance, and security of IT resources that enterprises require to successfully do business. Over 6,000 enterprises and service providers rely on F5 solutions to keep their businesses running. The company is headquartered in Seattle, Washington with offices worldwide. For more information go to www.f5.com.

About DataPower
DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3™) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit www.datapower.com

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