

D-Link Offers Carrier Level Metro Ethernet Products D-Link's DGS-3700 Series Achieves MEF 9 & 14 Certification

Johannesburg, 10 March 2009 - D-Link, a leading provider of networking and communication solutions, today announced that its DGS-3700 series switch had received the Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) 9 & 14 Certification from the Iometrix test laboratory. Including the already MEF-certified DES-3528 series switch, D-Link has further emphasized its dedication and focus on the Metro Ethernet market.



Iometrix, together with the MEF, aim to provide certification that is globally acknowledged and trusted by carriers and vendors for deployment of Carrier Ethernet Services. Attaining this distinct certification not only demonstrates D-Link's ongoing commitment to the Metro Ethernet market but also reinforces its pledge for the highest quality standards in its networking products.

"The achievement of MEF accreditation is further proof that D-Link technology delivers carrier class standards," said Nigel Moulton, VP Business Solutions of D-Link. "We are very confident that we provide innovative and robust Metro Ethernet switch products to satisfy our telecom customers and service providers, and we will continue our efforts to develop a wider range of high quality products to meet the market demand."

In the wider context, MEF certification provides a globally recognized interoperability standard that improves 'approval' processes and independently validates functionality and conformance, thus reducing testing costs and time to market for Service Providers.

In addition, the MEF certification provides a performance and behaviour benchmark as well as creates a platform for future standards testing.

The Metro Ethernet market has been a major focus for D-Link globally. With well over 8 million ports shipped over the past 2 years, D-Link continues to demonstrate a strong track record of providing innovative and robust technologies for Service Provider networks.

DGS-3700 series is the new Gigabit switch family that D-Link provides specifically for Metro Ethernet services of Telecom/Service Providers. It comes ready with Service Provider-friendly hardware, robust software & security features, OAM manageability functions and Triple-Play Services. The DGS-3700 series is designed to be deployed in small and outdoor Telecom/Carriers cabinets: it has a compact form factor of 210

mm in depth in a 1U rack enclosure with operating temperatures of up to 65°C. Furthermore, to simplify field installation, troubleshooting and maintenance, it has all the access connections located on the front panel.

The DGS-3700 series switch includes 2 models: The DGS-3700-12 comes with 8 10/100/1000M RJ-45 ports with 4 combo 10/100/1000M/SFP ports, and the DGS-3700-12G comes with 8 SFP ports with 4 combo 10/100/1000M/SFP ports. Both models will be available in the second quarter of 2009 and will come with a modular AC/DC dual input power supply, one modular fan and one modular dust filter.

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About MEF

The Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) is a global industry alliance comprising of more than 145 organizations including telecommunications service providers, cable operators, MSOs, network equipment, test vendors, labs and software manufacturers, semiconductor vendors and testing organizations. For more information, visit: <http://metroethernetforum.org>

About Iometrix

Iometrix is one of the leading test authorities in the networking industry. Established in the Silicon Valley in 2003, Iometrix is the successor to ENL (European Network Laboratories) the pioneering test lab Bob Mandeville founded in 1991 in Paris, France. Iometrix provides globally recognised and trusted certification tests as the official certification laboratory of the Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) and the MultiService Forum (MSF). Iometrix continues to forge innovative test methodologies to rigorously test emerging technologies and is strongly committed to advancing industry testing standards.

About D-Link:

Celebrating 23 years of "Building Networks for People," D-Link has grown into a billion dollar global designer, developer and manufacturer of networking, broadband, digital electronics and voice and data communications products. D-Link is responsible for 21% of all LAN switching ports worldwide, second only to Cisco. The company's solutions are ideal for digital home, small- to medium-sized business (SMB) and enterprise environments. D-Link was recently included in BusinessWeek Magazine's 'Info Tech 100', a listing of the world's best Information Technology companies.

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