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QLOGIC AND INRANGE EXPAND PARTNERSHIP

(ALISO VIEJO, CA and LUMBERTON, NJ – APRIL 17, 2001 – QLogic Corporation (Nasdaq: QLGC), the leading Storage Area Network (SAN) infrastructure provider, and INRANGE Technologies (Nasdaq: INRG), a leader in scalable storage solutions, today announced a new, long-term agreement that bolsters the companies' capabilities to deliver the industry's highest-performance, end-to-end storage networking solutions, and provides enhanced service and support levels to customers and partners.

The agreement expands a successful business relationship that leverages QLogic's expertise in Fibre Channel component design with INRANGE's expertise in software and large-scale switching technology, and global infrastructure, to develop the world's most scalable SAN solutions. The first product from this partnership has been the IN-VSN™ FC/9000™ Fibre Channel Director, the most scalable high-availability technology for building enterprise SANs. QLogic, recognized for the breadth of its SAN infrastructure components – from host bus adapters (HBAs), to controller/management chips, to workgroup and departmental switches – has recently demonstrated end-to-end 2 Gb Fibre Channel technology components, which the companies have agreed to integrate into the FC/9000 product family.

From the Edge to the Core, Across the Wide Area Network

As a result of the new, expanded agreement, INRANGE will also serve as an OEM for QLogic 8, 16, and 32 port 'edge' switches, including the upcoming QLogic SANbox2 line of 2 Gb-based products, and will market QLogic HBAs as an integral part of their SAN solutions. These QLogic products, combined with INRANGE's director, optical networking and channel extension technologies, provide customers with the most complete solution available for building high-availability SANs from the network edge to the core, and for extending network traffic to any location, over metro and wide area networks. In addition, INRANGE has selected the QLogic 2 Gb Fibre Channel components, including the 16 port switch-on-a-chip ASIC, as building blocks for the FC/9000 2 Gb implementation, expected to be

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available at the end of 2001. This ASIC, combined with INRANGE controller, switching, RAS, and GUI technologies, will comprise the 256-port FC/9000, also scheduled for delivery in late 2001.

The companies are also aligning their respective strengths in distribution and service. Leveraging a global infrastructure of more than 450 direct sales and service professionals, systems engineers, and high-level systems architects, INRANGE will become the preferred end-user service organization for QLogic worldwide. QLogic and INRANGE will cooperate to develop the SAN distribution channels. With substantial direct sales and sales to business partners like IBM and Hitachi Data Systems, INRANGE will provide channel fulfillment of high-end directors, channel extension, and optical networking products to QLogic's Premier Partners. With a successful history in the OEM channel, QLogic will also provide the INRANGE FC/9000 director, including the upcoming 2 Gb implementation, to OEM customers, complementing the company's end-to-end offerings that include chips, HBAs and switches.

"Each company's strengths are optimized through the agreement," stated INRANGE CEO and President Greg Grodhaus. "This relationship will deliver on-going value to our customers, shareholders, and partners, and produce an array of solutions that can be tailored to meet any end-user's requirements, from low-end components to massively scalable SANs. We are well-positioned to reap the enormous opportunity that the storage networking revolution is presenting." Storage and Fibre Channel infrastructure markets are growing at approximately 100 percent per year, according to industry analysts, with the infrastructure segment expected to reach over \$7 billion by 2004.

Enhanced Speed to Market

Another key benefit of the partnership is the more than 600 combined engineering professionals at QLogic and INRANGE, whose experience includes developing technologies that use Fibre Channel, ESCON, FICON, Gigabit Ethernet, ATM, T1, and T3 protocols, and that are designed to operate independent of operating systems, or server/storage platforms. The new agreement also extends a successful lab partnership between the companies that supports the sharing of test and certification resources for vitally important interoperability programs.

"QLogic has proven its ability to enter new markets and to turn technology quickly into commercially attractive products," stated QLogic CEO, President and Chairman, HK Desai. "Pooling the considerable competencies of our companies' engineering talents will enable QLogic and INRANGE to continue enjoying enhanced time to market over our competition, which will be key for emerging technologies like Infiniband and iSCSI." In March 2001, INRANGE announced the general availability

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of the industry's highest capacity Fibre Channel Director, the 128-port FC/9000, built in partnership with QLogic, which will be followed by a 256-port version in late 2001. These directors allow users to scale SANs to levels never possible before, and to best support very large-scale, mission-critical applications.

"Product lives are relatively short today, making time-to-market a critical issue for companies on the IT landscape," stated Jack Scott, Managing Partner, Evaluator Group. "Partnering corporations who can share and co-develop truly complementary offerings quickly are more likely to exploit business opportunities. The QLogic/INRANGE partnership makes sense, and should lead to greater competitive marketplace force."

Partnership Drives Continuing "Roadmap" Success

In accordance with the joint product roadmaps announced by the companies last year, the 128-port FC/9000 is shipping currently, with 256-port models scheduled for the fourth quarter, 2001. Also in this timeframe, 2 Gbps Fibre Channel technology will be incorporated into the joint switch/director lines as previously announced. In keeping with INRANGE's multi-protocol expertise – evidenced by the company's concurrent support of Fibre Channel, FICON, and ESCON in the CD/9000® Director – the FC/9000 Director will support Fibre Channel, FICON, and Fibre Channel over IP (FCIP) concurrently.

About QLogic (www.qlogic.com)

QLogic Corporation (Nasdaq: QLGC) is changing the way the world views Storage Area Networks (SANs), serving OEMs, VARs and system integrators with the only end-to-end SAN infrastructure in the industry. With over 15 years of enterprise storage experience, the company delivers a full range of Fibre Channel switches, PCI host bus adapters, controller silicon and management chips for systems and peripherals, as well as the QLogic Management Suite of SAN management software solutions. A member of the S&P 500 Index, QLogic was ranked fourth on Forbes' Best 200 Small Companies and number 22 on Fortune's 100 Fastest Growing Companies. QLogic is integrated in over 200 OEM solutions, including: AMI, Compaq, Dell, EMC, Fujitsu, Hitachi, HP, IBM, INRANGE, Iwill, MTI Technology Corp., Quantum, Raidtec, Siemens, Sony, Sun, Unisys and XIOtech. For more information about QLogic and its products, contact QLogic Corp., 26600 Laguna Hills Drive, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656; telephone: 800/662-4471 (sales); 949/389-6000 (corporate); fax: 949/389-6126; home page <http://www.qlogic.com>.

About INRANGE Technologies (www.inrange.com)

INRANGE Technologies designs, manufactures, markets and services networking and switching products for storage, data and telecommunications networks. Our products provide fast and reliable connections among networks of computers and related devices and are used in global 2000 businesses and other enterprises that operate large-scale and heterogeneous systems where open connectivity, reliability, and continuous availability are critical. Our products are designed to be compatible with various vendors' products and multiple communication standards and protocols.

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Forward-Looking Statement

This press release contains a discussion of our expectations for our product introduction and capabilities, and other forward-looking statements, in addition to historical facts. Statements regarding our product introduction and capabilities, competitive strengths, business strategy, future financial position, the markets and market growth for our products, and our plans and objectives, are forward-looking statements and made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements in our release can also be identified generally by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may", "will", "expect", "should", "intend", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "continue" and the like. Due to the risks and uncertainties of our business, including, but not limited to those described in the "Risk Factors", "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Business" sections of our prospectus, and the other reports we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, readers are cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. In particular, the timing of the introduction and the capabilities of the products we are developing are subject to the risks and uncertainties of our business, described in those sections and other reports. We can give no assurance that our expectations, as reflected in these forward-looking statements, will prove to have been correct and our actual results could differ substantially from those anticipated.

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