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Brocade Receives High Acclaim for Efforts in NFV and Enterprise Networking

Infonetics Research and Internet Telephony Magazine Recognize Brocade for Industry Leadership

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/31/14 -- Brocade (NASDAQ: BRCD) today announced it has received industry recognition for its leadership in enterprise networking and contributions to Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) from two prominent industry organizations, [Infonetics Research](#) and [Internet Telephony Magazine](#). Brocade has earned a high standing in the 2014 Infonetics Research Annual Enterprise Networking and Communication Vendor Scorecard, ranking second overall, and has been named a winner of the 2014 Internet Telephony NFV Pioneer Award presented by Internet Telephony Magazine.

Enterprise Networking and Communication Scorecard

Providing praise for Brocade's efforts in enterprise networking technologies, Infonetics Research ranked Brocade second in the 2014 Infonetics Research Annual Enterprise Networking and Communication Vendor Scorecard.

This annual report profiles, analyzes, and ranks the seven largest vendors of enterprise networking and communication equipment. To qualify for this year's scorecard, vendors must have earned more than \$750 million in enterprise networking and communication equipment revenue in 2013.

Brocade earned a score of 3.3, placing in between Cisco (4.6) and HP (3.2). Infonetics Research highlights that strong financials and market momentum are Brocade's largest strengths.

"Brocade remains a strong brand in the storage networking community and leverages long-standing and loyal customer relationships as it expands its data center portfolio," stated Matthias Machowinski, directing analyst for enterprise networks and video at Infonetics Research. "Brocade is not just a storage networking company anymore, and it is well positioned to gain market share in its key focus areas."

NFV Pioneer Award

The Internet Telephony NFV Pioneer Award honors innovative products with unique features and noteworthy developments that work to advance network functions virtualization.

The [Brocade Vyatta 5600 vRouter](#) -- the first virtual router capable of providing advanced routing in software without sacrificing the reliability and performance associated with hardware networking solutions -- has been recognized as a pioneer in NFV by Internet Telephony Magazine.

"Brocade continues to drive our leadership position with critical NFV technologies as we rapidly advance the Vyatta platform," said Kelly Herrell, vice president and general manager of software networking at Brocade. "The Internet Telephony NFV Pioneer Award is a great compliment for Brocade at a time of tremendous disruption in IP networking."

TMC, a global integrated media company that publishes *Internet Telephony Magazine*, honors technology companies with awards in various categories each year. These awards are regarded with high prestige and respect in the communications and technology sector worldwide.

"As leaders in network functions virtualization, these recipients are blazing the trail as true pioneers within their industry," said Rich Tehrani, chief executive officer at TMC. "I look forward to seeing their future innovation and successes."

About Brocade

Brocade[®] (NASDAQ: BRCD) networking solutions help the world's leading organizations transition smoothly to a world where applications and information reside anywhere. (www.brocade.com)

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