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## **NETGEAR®** Reports Record Third Quarter 2011 Results

- Record third quarter 2011 net revenue of \$301.8 million, as compared to \$236.0 million in the comparable prior year quarter, 28% year-over-year growth
- Third quarter 2011 non-GAAP net income of \$29.9 million, as compared to \$16.1 million in the comparable prior year quarter, 86% year-over-year growth
- Third quarter 2011 non-GAAP diluted earnings per share of \$0.79, as compared to \$0.45 in the comparable prior year quarter, 76% year-over-year growth
- Company expects fourth quarter 2011 net revenue to be in the range of \$300 million to \$310 million, with non-GAAP operating margin in the range of 11% to 12%

SAN JOSE, California - October 27, 2011 - NETGEAR, Inc. (NASDAQGM: NTGR), a global networking company that delivers innovative products to consumers, businesses and service providers, today reported financial results for the third quarter ended October 2, 2011.

Net revenue for the third quarter ended October 2, 2011 was \$301.8 million, as compared to \$236.0 million for the third quarter ended October 3, 2010, and as compared to \$291.2 million in the second quarter ended July 3, 2011. Net income, computed in accordance with GAAP, for the third quarter of 2011 was \$26.7 million, or \$0.70 per diluted share. This compared to GAAP net income of \$13.1 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2010, and to GAAP net income of \$20.6 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, in the second quarter of 2011.

Gross margin on a non-GAAP basis in the third quarter of 2011 was 32.4%, as compared to 32.7% in the year ago comparable quarter, and 31.7% in the second quarter of 2011. Non-GAAP operating margin was 12.5% in the third quarter of 2011, as compared to 11.0% in the third quarter of 2010, and 11.9% in the second quarter of 2011. Non-GAAP net income was \$0.79 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2011, as compared to non-GAAP net income of \$0.45 per diluted share in the second quarter of 2011.

The differences between GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures include adjustments, net of any tax effect, for amortization of purchased intangibles, stock-based compensation, restructuring charges, acquisition related compensation and transitional expenses, impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting adjustments to inventory, and litigation reserves. The accompanying schedules provide a reconciliation of financial measures computed on a GAAP basis to financial measures computed on a non-GAAP basis.

Patrick Lo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NETGEAR commented, "We are extremely pleased with our Q3 2011 financial performance amid a challenging macroeconomic environment. Despite the uncertainty in Europe, we were able to achieve record revenue, profit and EPS, based on our strength in new product innovation and distribution. We are particularly pleased with our 9% sequential revenue growth in Europe and our double digit sequential revenue growth worldwide in our Retail and Commercial businesses. Our European retail consumer business was led by an uptake in home networking products, following the trend in the U.S., as more tablets and WiFi enabled devices are being used at home. Our strength in the commercial business was led by the strong market reception of our switches with 10 Gigabit or Power over Ethernet capabilities, and our innovative Plus switches which are manageable via simple PC utility software."

"Our Retail Business Unit revenue was up 18% sequentially, and up 10% over the prior year quarter, while the Commercial Business Unit revenue was up 18% sequentially, and up 21% over the prior year quarter. As expected, the Service Provider Business Unit revenue was down 21% sequentially, reflective of a one-time order from a major service provider in the previous quarter. On a year-over-year basis, service provider revenue was up 85%."

"We introduced another 22 new exciting products in the third quarter 2011 as we continue to build on our new product momentum. Notable new products include: the industry's first 900 Megabits per second WiFi router; the new WiFi router with ReadySHARE® Cloud storage which enables smartphone access to content stored on USB drives at home; the NETGEAR NeoTV™ Player which streams Netflix, Vudu, YouTube and many other online content sources to TVs; the Universal Push2TV® which transposes any laptop screen display wirelessly to a TV; the NETGEAR ProSecure® UTM9S, the industry's first Unified Threat Management (UTM) gateway with both vDSL and WiFi capability, and the 52 port high density Power over Ethernet Smart switch."

Christine Gorjanc, Chief Financial Officer of NETGEAR, said, "We ended the third quarter of 2011 with \$321.1 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments driven by a record quarter of cash flow from operations of \$43.2 million. Our net inventory ended at \$136.0 million, with 6.0 turns, and DSO's of 66 days in the third quarter 2011 remained at the low end of our historical range of 65 to 75 days. Additionally, our tax rate in the third quarter 2011 reflects a one-time benefit which accounts for an incremental \$0.09 per diluted share of earnings."

Looking forward, Mr. Lo added, "Our success through turbulent economic times has been driven by product innovation and we will continue to focus on new product introductions in the fourth quarter 2011 with another 20 new products expected. We are cautiously optimistic on holiday sales in both North America and Europe. Specifically, for the fourth quarter of 2011, we expect net revenue in the range of approximately \$300 million to \$310 million, with non-GAAP operating margin to be in the range of 11% to 12%."

### Investor Conference Call / Webcast Details

NETGEAR will review the third quarter 2011 results and discuss management's expectations for the fourth quarter of 2011 today, Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 5 p.m. EDT (2 p.m. PDT). The dial-in number for the live audio call is (201) 689-8471. A live webcast of the conference call will be available on NETGEAR's website at http://investor.netgear.com. A replay of the call will be available 2 hours following the call through midnight EDT (9 p.m. PDT) on Thursday, November 3, 2011 by telephone at (858) 384-5517 and via the web at http://investor.netgear.com. The account number to access the phone replay is 380966.

### About NETGEAR, Inc.

NETGEAR (NASDAQGM: NTGR) is a global networking company that delivers innovative products to consumers, businesses and service providers. For consumers, the company makes high performance, dependable and easy to use home networking, storage and digital media products to connect people with the Internet and their content and devices. For businesses, NETGEAR provides networking, storage and security solutions without the cost and complexity of Big IT. The company also supplies top service providers with retail proven, whole home solutions for their customers. NETGEAR products are built on a variety of proven technologies such as wireless, Ethernet and powerline, with a focus on reliability and ease-of-use. NETGEAR products are sold in approximately 27,500 retail locations around the globe, and through more than 37,000 value-added resellers. The company's headquarters are in San Jose, Calif., with additional offices in 25 countries. NETGEAR is an ENERGY STAR partner. More information is available at http://investor.netgear.com or by calling (408) 907-8000. Connect with NETGEAR at http://twitter.com/NETGEAR and http://www.facebook.com/NETGEAR.

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changes in the Company's stock price and developments in the business that could increase the Company's cash needs, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, and the actions and financial health of the Company's customers. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based on assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecast in such forward-looking statements. Further information on potential risk factors that could affect NETGEAR and its business are detailed in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, those risks and uncertainties listed in the section entitled "Part II - Item 1A. Risk Factors," pages 46 through 63, in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2011, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2011. NETGEAR undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information:

To supplement our consolidated financial statements presented on a GAAP basis, NETGEAR uses non-GAAP financial measures, which are adjusted to exclude certain expenses and tax benefits, where applicable. We believe non-GAAP financial measures are appropriate to enhance an overall understanding of our past financial performance and also our prospects for the future. These adjustments to our current period GAAP results are made with the intent of providing both management and investors a more complete understanding of NETGEAR's underlying operational results and trends and our marketplace performance. For example, the non-GAAP results are an indication of our baseline performance before charges that are considered by management to be outside of our core operating results. In addition, these adjusted non-GAAP results are among the primary indicators management uses as a basis for our planning and forecasting of future periods. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States

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## NETGEAR, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

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	October 2, 2011	De	2010
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 174,278	\$	126,173
Short-term investments	146,781		144,564
Accounts receivable, net	218,653		226,731
Inventories	135,963		127,394
Deferred income taxes	21,020		19,332
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	29,919		23,850
Total current assets	726,614		668,044
Property and equipment, net	16,079		17,503
Intangibles, net	22,034		6,241
Goodwill	85,944		74,198
Other non-current assets	13,617		14,335
Total assets	\$ 864,288	\$	780,321
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 75,672	\$	89,155
Accrued employee compensation	23,190		24,130
Other accrued liabilities	107,826		110,413

Deferred revenue	23,934	27,538
Income taxes payable		 3,487
Total current liabilities	230,622	254,723
Non-current income taxes payable	18,685	19,719
Other non-current liabilities	5,150	5,443
Total liabilities	254,457	279,885
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock	38	36
Additional paid-in capital	358,162	316,108
Cumulative other comprehensive income (loss)	(14)	281
Retained earnings	251,645	184,011
Total stockholders' equity	609,831	500,436
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 864,288	\$ 780,321

# NETGEAR, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended			Nine months ended		
	October 2,	July 3,	October 3,	October 2,	October 3,	
	2011	2011	2010	2011	2010	
Net revenue	\$ 301,800	\$ 291,240	\$ 236,017	\$ 871,863	\$ 643,521	
Cost of revenue	205,490	200,863	<u>160,310</u>	<u>597,390</u>	425,428	
Gross profit	96,310	90,377	75,707	274,473	218,093	
Operating expenses:						
Research and development	12,738	11,350	10,564	35,102	29,814	
Sales and marketing	39,600	39,036	34,069	115,284	95,216	
General and administrative	10,851	10,548	9,358	31,044	26,697	
Restructuring and other charges	-	2,094	(8)	2,094	(76)	
Litigation reserves, net	44	(225)	-	(234)	211	
Total operating expenses	<u>63,233</u>	<u>62,803</u>	<u>53,983</u>	<u>183,290</u>		
Income from operations	33,077	27,574	21,724	91,183	66,231	
Interest income	115	106	132	350	302	
Other income (expense), net	<u>(267)</u>	<u>(341)</u>	(326)	<u>(938)</u>	(388)	
Income before income taxes	32,925	27,339	21,530	90,595	66,145	
Provision for income taxes	6,178	6,742	8,435	22,062	28,858	
Net income	\$ 26,747	\$ 20,597	\$ 13,095	\$ 68,533	\$ 37,287	
Net income per share:						
Basic	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.06	
Diluted	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.04	
Weighted average shares outstanding used to compute net income per share:						
Basic	37,483	37,017	35,441	36,967	35,218	
Diluted	38,080	37,968	36,009	37,812	35,891	

Stock-based compensation expense was allocated as follows:

Cost of revenue	\$ 259	\$ 243	\$ 202	\$ 737	\$ 708
Research and development	606	606	556	\$ 1,873	1,709
Sales and marketing	1,264	1,384	1,134	\$ 3,949	3,539
General and administrative	1.325	1.275	1.055	\$ 3.775	3.255

## NETGEAR, INC.

## NON-GAAP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Excluding amortization of purchased intangibles, stock-based compensation, restructuring, acquisition related compensation, impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting adjustments to inventory, and litigation reserves, net of tax.

## (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	T	ree months ended	<u> </u>	Nine months ended				
	October 2, 2011	July 3, 2011	October 3, 2010	October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010			
Net revenue	\$ 301,800	\$ 291,240	\$ 236,017	\$ 871,863	\$ 643,521			
Cost of revenue	204,167	198,822	<u>158,764</u>	592,434	420,750			
Gross profit	97,633	92,418	77,253	279,429	222,771			
Operating expenses:								
Research and development	12,132	10,724	9,988	33,189	27,439			
Sales and marketing	38,336	37,652	32,935	111,335	91,677			
General and administrative	9,526	9,273	8,303	27,269	23,442			
Total operating expenses	<u>59,994</u>	<u>57,649</u>	<u>51,226</u>	<u>171,793</u>	<u>142,558</u>			
Income from operations	37,639	34,769	26,027	107,636	80,213			
Interest income	115	106	132	350	302			
Other income (expense), net	<u>(267)</u>	<u>(341)</u>	(326)	<u>(938)</u>	(388)			
Income before income taxes	37,487	34,534	25,833	107,048	80,127			
Provision for income taxes	7,561	9,873	9,747	28,300	33,254			
Net income	\$ 29,926	\$ 24,661	\$ 16,086	\$ 78,748	\$ 46,873			
Net income per share:								
Basic	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.45	\$ 2.13	\$ 1.33			
Diluted	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.45	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.31			
Weighted average shares outstanding used to compute net income per share:								
Basic	37,483	37,017	35,441	36,967	35,218			
Diluted	38,080	37,968	36,009	37,812	35,891			

## (Unaudited)

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA:

	Three months ended				Nine months ended				
		october 2, 2011	July 3, 	_	october 3, 2010	_	October 2, 2011	_	October 3, 2010
GAAP gross profit	\$	96,310	\$ 90,377	\$	75,707	\$	274,473	\$	218,093
Amortization of intangible assets		1,064	1,189		1,344		3,610		3,970
Stock-based compensation expense Impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting		259	243 609		202		737 609		708
adjustments to inventory  Non-GAAP gross profit	\$	97,633	\$ 92,418	\$	77,253	\$		\$	222,771
Non-GAAP gross margin		32.4%	31.7%		32.7%		32.0%		34.6%
GAAP research and development	\$	12,738	\$ 11,350	\$	10,564	\$	35,102	\$	29,814
Stock-based compensation expense		(606)	(606)		(556)		(1,873)		(1,709)
Acquisition related compensation		-	(20)		(20)		(40)		(666)
Non-GAAP research and development	\$	12,132	\$ 10,724	\$	9,988	\$	33,189	\$	27,439
GAAP sales and marketing	\$	39,600	\$ 39,036	\$	34,069	\$	115,284	\$	95,216
Stock-based compensation expense		(1,264)	(1,384)		(1,134)		(3,949)		(3,539)
Non-GAAP sales and marketing	\$	38,336	\$ 37,652	\$	32,935	\$	111,335	\$	91,677
GAAP general and administrative	\$	10,851	\$ 10,548	\$	9,358	\$	31,044	\$	26,697
Stock-based compensation expense		(1,325)	(1,275)		(1,055)		(3,775)		(3,255)
Non-GAAP general and administrative	\$	9,526	\$ 9,273	\$	8,303	\$	27,269	\$	23,442
GAAP total operating expenses	\$	63,233	\$ 62,803	\$	53,983	\$	183,290	\$	151,862
Stock-based compensation expense		(3,195)	(3,265)		(2,745)		(9,597)		(8,503)
Restructuring and other charges		-	(2,094)		8		(2,094)		76
Acquisition related compensation		-	(20)		(20)		(40)		(666)
Litigation reserves, net		(44)	225		-		234		(211)
Non-GAAP total operating expenses	\$	59,994	\$ 57,649	\$	51,226	\$	171,793	\$	142,558

# NETGEAR, INC. RECONCILIATIONS OF GAAP MEASURES TO NON-GAAP MEASURES (CONTINUED) (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA (CONTINUED):

	TI	nree months en	nded	Nine months ended		
	October 2, 2011	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		October 2, 2011	October 3, 2010	
GAAP operating income	\$ 33,077	\$ 27,574	\$ 21,724	\$ 91,183	\$ 66,231	
Amortization of intangible assets	1,064	1,189	1,344	3,610	3,970	
Stock-based compensation expense	3,454	3,508	2,947	10,334	9,211	
Restructuring and other charges	-	2,094	(8)	2,094	(76)	
Acquisition related compensation Impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting	-	20	20	40	666	
adjustments to inventory	-	609	-	609	-	

Litigation reserves, net	44	(225)	-	(234)	211
Non-GAAP operating income	\$ 37,639	\$ 34,769	\$ 26,027	\$ 107,636	\$ 80,213
Non-GAAP operating margin	12.5%	11.9%	11.0%	 12.3%	 12.5%
GAAP net income	\$ 26,747	\$ 20,597	\$ 13,095	\$ 68,533	\$ 37,287
Amortization of intangible assets	1,064	1,189	1,344	3,610	3,970
Stock-based compensation expense	3,454	3,508	2,947	10,334	9,211
Restructuring and other charges	-	2,094	(8)	2,094	(76)
Acquisition related compensation Impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting	-	20	20	40	666
adjustments to inventory	-	609	-	609	-
Litigation reserves, net	44	(225)	-	(234)	211
Tax effect	(1,383)	(3,131)	(1,312)	(6,238)	(4,396)
Non-GAAP net income	\$ 29,926	\$ 24,661	\$ 16,086	\$ 78,748	\$ 46,873

## NET INCOME PER DILUTED SHARE:

	Three months ended						Nine months ended			
		ctober 2, 2011		July 3, 2011		tober 3, 2010		ctober 2, 2011		ctober 3, 2010
GAAP net income per diluted share	\$	0.70	\$	0.54	\$	0.36	\$	1.81	\$	1.04
Amortization of intangible assets		0.03		0.03		0.04		0.10		0.11
Stock-based compensation expense		0.09		0.09		0.08		0.27		0.26
Restructuring and other charges		-		0.06		(0.00)		0.06		(0.00)
Acquisition related compensation Impact to cost of sales from acquisition accounting		-		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.02
adjustments to inventory		-		0.02		-		0.02		-
Litigation reserves, net		0.00		(0.01)		-		(0.01)		0.01
Tax effect		(0.03)		(80.0)		(0.03)		(0.17)		(0.13)
Non-GAAP net income per diluted share	\$	0.79	\$	0.65	\$	0.45	\$	2.08	\$	1.31

# NETGEAR, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended										
	October 2,	July 3,	April 3,	December 31,	October 3,						
	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010						
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term											
investments	\$ 321,059	\$ 277,896	\$ 279,173	\$ 270,737	\$ 243,509						
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term											
investments per diluted share	\$ 8.43	\$ 7.32	\$ 7.48	\$ 7.35	\$ 6.76						
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 218,653	\$ 209,960	\$ 197,622	\$ 226,731	\$ 175,599						
Days sales outstanding (DSO)	66	66	66	78	73						
Inventories	\$ 135,963	\$ 137,789	\$ 140,113	\$ 127,394	\$ 110,394						
Ending inventory turns	6.0	5.8	5.5	5.6	5.8						

Weeks of channel inventory:					
U.S. retail channel	10.0	10.6	9.3	9.0	10.0
U.S. distribution channel	6.6	6.6	5.4	4.7	6.7
EMEA distribution channel	4.3	5.5	4.2	3.6	4.5
APAC distribution channel	3.9	5.1	4.0	5.5	5.9
Deferred revenue	\$ 23,934	\$ 22,843	\$ 18,381	\$ 27,538	\$ 20,957
Headcount	756	731	686	654	646
Non-GAAP Diluted shares	38,080	37,968	37,340	36,843	36,009

## Net Revenue By Geography and Segment:

	Octobe	r 2,	July	<i>'</i> 3,	October 3,		
	2011		201	<u> </u>	2010		
Americas	\$ 149,009	49%	\$ 149,526	51%	\$ 121,408	51%	
Europe, Middle-East and Africa	119,735	40%	110,331	38%	89,565	38%	
Asia Pacific	33,056	11%	31,383	11%	25,044	11%	
Total	\$ 301,800	100%	\$ 291,240	100%	\$ 236,017	100%	

Retail	October 2, 2011		July 3, 2011		October 3, 2010	
	\$ 127,082	42%	\$ 107,869	37%	\$ 115,165	49%
Commercial	91,059	30%	77,112	26%	75,532	32%
Service Provider	83,659	28%	106,259	37%	45,320	19%
Total	\$ 301,800	100%	\$ 291,240	100%	\$ 236,017	100%