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NetApp Appoints Mike Richardson as Vice President of US Solutions Engineering to Drive Strategic Growth and Operational Excellence

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SAN JOSE, Calif. – October 7, 2024 – NetApp® (NASDAQ: NTAP), the intelligent data infrastructure company, today announced the appointment of Mike Richardson as Vice President of US Solutions Engineering, reporting to SVP of North America Sales. In this role, Richardson will provide strategic leadership and oversight for NetApp's Solutions Engineering organization across North America Sales, to align with evolving customer needs and business goals.

Richardson joins NetApp from Pure Storage, where he most recently served as Vice President of Systems Engineering. With over 20 years of experience in the technology and storage industries, including key leadership roles at Forsythe Technology, Commvault Systems, and a previous tenure at NetApp, Mike has built a reputation for advancing technical excellence, driving large-scale pre-sales strategies, and mentoring high-performing teams.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mike back to NetApp in such a critical leadership role," said Riccardo Di Blasio, SVP of North America Sales at NetApp. "Mike's extensive experience working with customers and partners, coupled with his deep technical expertise and proven leadership in advancing innovation, makes him the ideal leader to drive our field engineering vision forward. His track record of building high-performing teams and delivering customer-centric solutions will be invaluable as we continue to exceed expectations in a rapidly evolving technology landscape."

In this role, Richardson will focus on ensuring customers across North America continue to realize the business-accelerating benefits of the NetApp's system architecture and data management solutions. He will be responsible for overseeing all strategic pre-sales activities, supporting the end-to-end customer experience, and driving collaboration across the sales organization to deliver impactful results.

"It's an honor to return to NetApp at such a pivotal time in our industry. The convergence of data, AI, and cloud presents an unprecedented opportunity for organizations to harness the power of data. NetApp is uniquely positioned to help customers unify, protect, and accelerate their data," said Mike Richardson, Vice President of US Solutions Engineering at NetApp. "I'm excited to leverage my experience to drive growth, innovation, and customer success to help shape the future of intelligent data infrastructure. There's never been a more exciting

time to be at NetApp.”

About NetApp

NetApp is the intelligent data infrastructure company, combining unified data storage, integrated data services, and CloudOps solutions to turn a world of disruption into opportunity for every customer. NetApp creates silo-free infrastructure, harnessing observability and AI to enable the industry’s best data management. As the only enterprise-grade storage service natively embedded in the world’s biggest clouds, our data storage delivers seamless flexibility. In addition, our data services create a data advantage through superior cyber resilience, governance, and application agility. Our CloudOps solutions provide continuous optimization of performance and efficiency through observability and AI. No matter the data type, workload, or environment, with NetApp you can transform your data infrastructure to realize your business possibilities. Learn more at **www.netapp.com** or follow us on **X**, **LinkedIn**, **Facebook**, and **Instagram**.

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