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Arista Wins in Copyright Case

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Jury Favors Arista-Landmark Win for Networking Industry

SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Arista Networks (NYSE: ANET) today announced that a U.S. jury in the Northern District of California has found that Arista is not liable for copyright infringement related to Arista's use of a small number of commands similar to those found in Cisco's Command Line Interface (CLI). As a result of this ruling, Arista owes no damages to Cisco.

"We would like to thank the jurors and Judge Freeman for their tireless efforts. Today's verdict represents an important victory not only for Arista but for the entire industry," said Marc Taxay, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Arista.

The jury also found that Arista did not infringe the single patent remaining in the case as well as Cisco's asserted copyrights in its user manuals.

About Arista Networks

Arista Networks was founded to pioneer and deliver software-driven cloud networking solutions for large data center storage and computing environments. Arista's award-winning platforms, ranging in Ethernet speeds from 10 to 100 gigabits per second, redefine scalability, agility and resilience. Arista has shipped more than ten million cloud networking ports worldwide with CloudVision and EOS, an advanced network operating system. Committed to open standards, Arista is a founding member of the 25/50GbE consortium. Arista Networks products are available worldwide directly and through partners.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, statements regarding the effectiveness of alternative product implementations to address the alleged infringement of certain Cisco patents as well as our ability to continue to provide products to our customers. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements. Forward looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward looking statements including: the ability of Arista to import products or related components, the ability of Arista to develop alternative design implementations that are determined to be non-infringing the asserted patents, if contested in the ITC or U.S. Customs, and the ability to obtain favorable determinations by the ITC or U.S. Customs that such alternative product implementations are not covered by the ITC remedial orders, as well as other risks stated in our filings with the SEC available on Arista's website at www.arista.com and the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Arista disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

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