



**RIVERBED: FIRST WAN OPTIMISATION VENDOR TO OBTAIN SVVP  
VALIDATION FOR Microsoft WINDOWS SERVER 2008 R2™**

*Riverbed to Provide Solutions that Increase Performance and Availability of  
Microsoft's Core Infrastructure Services at Remote Sites*

**Sydney, Australia – March 30, 2010** – Riverbed Technology (Nasdaq: RVBD), the IT performance company, announced today the company is expanding its position within the Microsoft™ Server Virtualisation Validation Program (SVVP) by obtaining validation of its Riverbed® Steelhead® appliance to run Windows Server 2008 R2™. Riverbed is the first WAN optimisation vendor to obtain SVVP validation for Windows Server 2008 R2. With the combination of Windows Server 2008 R2 infrastructure services and the Riverbed Steelhead appliances, mutual customers can simplify their branch office infrastructure, while at the same time ensuring application performance for end users.

SVVP is open to any vendor that delivers a machine virtualisation solution that hosts Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 2 (SP2) and subsequent service packs. Riverbed customers are already running Microsoft Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008 and branch services such as Active Directory, DNS/DHCP, Media Streaming and Print Services on the Riverbed Services Platform (RSP), a virtualised partition within the Steelhead appliance. As the next step in its strategic partnership with Microsoft, Riverbed announces today it will also support Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 on the RSP.

“Our two companies have worked to ensure the growth of our partnership. The expansion of our relationship – to include the SVVP validation - seems only natural as enterprises look to take advantage of our next generation platforms, but at the same time need to ensure performance while consolidating costs and infrastructure,” said Eric Jewett, director of server marketing at Microsoft. “Riverbed is working closely with Microsoft to ensure that our joint efforts are focused on providing enterprises with solutions that accelerate the performance of Microsoft environments.”

Riverbed offers the option to have Windows Server 2008 R2 operating system pre-installed on the RSP, allowing customers to leverage this platform to run Windows server. In addition, Riverbed is promoting awareness of the integrated solution among its channel resellers and customers through its partnership with Microsoft.

“As our customers begin to bring IT consolidation initiatives to fruition, branch services are an obvious starting point. Many of our customers are Windows Server users and we anticipate they will migrate to Windows Server 2008 R2,” said Eric Wolford, senior vice president of marketing and business development at Riverbed. “Our customer base, which is over 7,000 enterprises and government agencies, is finding that WAN optimisation is a key component to ensure performance of their consolidated infrastructures. By leveraging our WAN optimisation solution these enterprises are getting the best of both worlds – further consolidation and increased performance.”

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including statements relating to the expected demand for Riverbed's products and services, and statements relating to Riverbed's ability to meet the needs of distributed organizations. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that, if they do not fully materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties that could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements include our ability to react to trends and challenges in our business and the markets in which we operate; our ability to anticipate market needs or develop new or enhanced products to meet those needs; the adoption rate of our products; our ability to establish and maintain successful relationships with our distribution partners; our ability to compete in our industry; fluctuations in demand, sales cycles and prices for our products and services; shortages or price fluctuations in our supply chain; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights; general political, economic and market conditions and events; and other risks and uncertainties described more fully in our documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about these and other risks that may impact Riverbed's business are set forth in our Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 12, 2010. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based on information available to us as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements. Any future product, feature or related specification that may be referenced in this release are for information purposes only and are not commitments to deliver any technology or enhancement. Riverbed reserves the right to modify future product plans at any time.

### ***About Riverbed***

Riverbed Technology is the IT performance company. The Riverbed family of wide area network (WAN) optimization solutions liberates businesses from common IT constraints by increasing application performance, enabling consolidation, and providing enterprise-wide network and application visibility – all while eliminating the need to increase bandwidth, storage or servers. Thousands of companies with distributed operations use Riverbed to make their IT infrastructure

faster, less expensive and more responsive. Additional information about Riverbed (NASDAQ: RVBD) is available at [www.riverbed.com](http://www.riverbed.com).

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