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Northzone Ventures' Portfolio Company Napatech the Worlds most promising Technology Companies

Napatech has been awarded a Red Herring Global 100 company as one of the worlds 100 most promising companies based on innovation, technology and financial performance

København 26. januar 2010: Northzone Ventures' portfolio company Napatech has been selected as one of the top 100 private companies in North America, Europe and Asia by Red Herring. This follows Napatech's selection for a Red Herring Top 100 Europe award in April 2009. Napatech received the Red Herring Global 100 award in recognition of the superior innovation, technology and financial performance that Napatech has exemplified.

"Choosing the best out of the previous three years was by no means a small feat," said Alex Vieux, publisher and CEO of Red Herring. "After rigorous contemplation and discussion, we narrowed down our list from 1,200 potential companies to 200 finalists. Trying to get it down to 100 companies was a task upon itself. The top 100 companies who were chosen should be extremely proud, the competition was difficult."

Red Herring's Global 100 list has become a mark of distinction for identifying promising new companies and entrepreneurs. Red Herring editors were among the first to recognize that companies such as Google, Yahoo, Skype, Netscape, Salesforce.com, YouTube, and eBay would change the way we live and work.

"We were thrilled to win the Red Herring Top 100 Europe award last year, but winning the Red Herring Global 100 award takes Napatech into a unique league of a few global innovative Companies", said Henrik Brill Jensen, CEO of Napatech. "We are very proud to receive this prestigious award and will use it as an inspiration to strive to reach the high standards and success achieved by previous renowned winners".

"Northzone have supported Napatech since its infancy in 2003, and we congratulate the team with the award. They have strategic talent, are working very hard and they have succeeded – they deserve it", said Gregers Kronborg, board member and general partner in Northzone Ventures. "For us as venture investor such prestigious award to a portfolio company is very important. It proves to our investors that we can spot promising companies – even earlier than Red Herring – and develop the potential into very valuable businesses, and it proves to future entrepreneurs that Northzone is one of the best venture investors they can have."

Red Herring's editorial staff evaluated the companies on both quantitative and qualitative criteria, such as financial performance, technology innovation, management quality, strategy, and market penetration.

This assessment of potential is complemented by a review of the track record and standing of startups relative to their sector peers, allowing Red Herring to see past the “buzz” and make the list an invaluable instrument of discovery and advocacy for the greatest business opportunities from around the world.

About: Napatech

Napatech is a leading OEM supplier of multi-port 10 GbE and 1 GbE intelligent adapters for real-time network analysis with over 50,000 Ethernet ports deployed. Napatech network adapters provide real-time packet capture and transmission with full line-rate throughput and zero packet loss no matter the packet size. Intelligent features enable off-load of data traffic processing and packet analysis normally performed in the CPU. This results in more processing power for the network monitoring, analysis, management, test, measurement, security or optimization application being supported. Napatech has sales, marketing and R&D offices in Mountain View, California, Andover, Massachusetts, and Copenhagen, Denmark.

About: Northzone Ventures

Northzone is a European Venture Capital Partnership with a Nordic stronghold. With eight dedicated partners in Oslo, Stockholm and Copenhagen - most of whom are themselves former successful, serial entrepreneurs, we work round the clock to help our portfolio companies grab whatever world market they are after. We have been around since 1994, raised and managed 5 different funds with consistent top-tier returns and currently manage EUR 355 million. Among our previous investments, we are especially proud of Lastminute, Stepstone, Pricerunner and NextGenTd.



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