

Netlist Expands IP Portfolio With Newly Issued Patents

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IRVINE, CA -- (Marketwire) -- 03/13/13 -- Netlist, Inc. (NASDAQ: NLST), a leading provider of high performance and hybrid memory solutions for the cloud computing and storage markets, announced today that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued to Netlist U.S. Patent 8,345,427 (the '427 patent) and U.S. Patent 8,359,501 (the '501 patent).

The newly-issued patents address growing technical bottlenecks in the area of high-density server memory. As density progression of monolithic DRAMs slows, server memory solutions will increasingly require technologies that can integrate a greater number of existing, lower-density DRAM chips in order to achieve high-density modules.

The '427 patent claims innovations critical to integrating a large number of DRAMs on a single DIMM by allowing a stack of multiple memory boards to fit in a single DIMM socket and remain cool despite the dense design form factor. Another growing challenge for the memory industry is the ability to rigorously test large amounts of memory at operating speeds. The '501 patent claims a revolutionary technology that significantly reduces the time it takes to thoroughly test high density server memory modules "at speed," providing Netlist with a key competitive advantage -- the ability to efficiently yield high quality memory products.

"As an ongoing strategic initiative, Netlist continues to prioritize IP development as it creates and perfects advanced technologies for the server and storage markets. The steady issuance of new patents, USPTO's continued validation of claims under reexamination and increasing citations of Netlist patents by industry leaders, such as Micron and Google, are all indicative of the disruptive nature and inherent value of our patent portfolio," said Netlist President and CEO, C.K. Hong.

Through its targeted patenting activities, Netlist has invested and grown its Intellectual Property, which now includes multiple patent portfolios in the areas of high performance and high-density memory subsystems and hybrid memory technologies.

About Netlist:

Netlist, Inc. designs and manufactures high-performance, logic-based memory subsystems for server and storage applications for cloud computing. Netlist's flagship products include HyperCloud™, a patented memory technology that breaks traditional memory barriers, NVvault™ family of products that enables data retention during power interruption, EXPRESSvault™, a PCI Express backup/recovery solution for cache data protection and a broad portfolio of industrial Flash and specialty memory subsystems including VLP (very low profile) DIMMs and Planar-X RDIMMs.

Netlist develops technology solutions for customer applications in which high-speed, high-capacity, small form factor and heat dissipation are key requirements for system memory. These customers include OEMs that design and build tower, rack-mounted, and blade servers, high-performance computing clusters, engineering workstations and telecommunications equipment. Founded in 2000, Netlist is headquartered in Irvine, CA with manufacturing facilities in Suzhou, People's Republic of China and an engineering design center in Silicon Valley, CA. Learn more at www.netlist.com.

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