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NetStreams® *DigiLinX*™ Now Offers Seamless Multi-Room Integration With Escient® FireBall™ Digital Music Managers

***IP-based Networked Audio Distribution System Plays Up to 5 MP3
Audio Streams Simultaneously to Multiple Rooms in the Home***

Austin, TX – February 24, 2005 – *NetStreams*, the leader in IP-based Networked Audio/Video distribution, announced that its innovative ***DigiLinX*™** IP-based distributed audio system now offers integration with **Escient's® FireBall™** line of digital music managers. ***DigiLinX***-users can access all of the music files and sources managed by the FireBall media server and enjoy them through speakers in any room included in their *NetStreams DigiLinX* system. The addition of Escient's products to the growing list of ***DigiLinX***-compatible technology highlights *NetStreams'* focus on providing the path for the future of IP-based digital home entertainment.

"*NetStreams* places a high importance on seamless integration of our ***DigiLinX*** system with other manufacturers' equipment, and our partnership with Escient further enhances the value proposition of both product lines in the custom installation marketplace," said Herman Cardenas, founder and CEO of *NetStreams*. "As the esteemed roster of ***StreamNet*™**-compatible products grows, ***DigiLinX***-users are made aware of the ever-expandable capabilities of IP-based home entertainment. Combining Escient's FireBall products with ***DigiLinX*** gives homeowners a new level of freedom for controlling their Escient music libraries. Both systems' feature sets complement each other, and their combined benefits provide the simplicity and flexibility that today's consumer requires."

"The integration of our Escient FireBall products with ***DigiLinX*** will help enhance the user experience for our digital music management systems," said Bill Carson, General Manager of Escient. "The combination of *NetStreams* and Escient technologies is another positive step toward bringing homeowners an ever-expanding range of IP based networking capabilities that are helping create a new era in home entertainment."

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Creating
the future
of home
entertainment
today.

Six models of the Escient FireBall digital music managers are seamlessly compatible with the **DigiLinX** system: the **FireBall E-40, E-120, E2-40, E2-160, E2-300**, and the **DVDM-300**. Escient's new firmware for the FireBall digital music manager, available in March 2005, allows the product to be a "native" **DigiLinX** source, and allows up to 5 simultaneous MP3 audio streams over the **DigiLinX** system. **DigiLinX** also supports distribution and control of the meta-data bundled with digital audio—supplemental information, used to catalog music files, such as artist, album, genre, and even cover art. **DigiLinX's TouchLinX** in-wall LCD color touch screens can display meta-data, and allow users to select tracks based on its different categories.

DigiLinX: The First IP-based Networked Audio/Video Distribution System

DigiLinX uses *NetStreams'* patent pending **StreamNet** technology to distribute audio over CAT5e using TCP/IP on an Ethernet network. **DigiLinX** converts audio from legacy sources (Tuner, CD player, other) in real-time, to uncompressed audio streams, allowing up to 24-bit, studio-quality audio to be distributed throughout a home or commercial facility. **StreamNet** automatically solves the synchronization of an audio source to multiple rooms over a TCP/IP network, a function that no other system has been able to provide. By taking advantage of today's cutting-edge computer networking technology, **DigiLinX** can give users access to literally millions of sources in an infinite number of rooms or zones.

About Escient

Escient is a division of D&M Holdings U.S., Inc., and is the pioneering leader in the design, development, manufacture, marketing, sales, distribution and support of a groundbreaking category of audio/video products that meld the power of the Internet seamlessly with intuitive home-entertainment devices. Escient's products and services are designed to enhance the entertainment experience by providing previously unheard-of ways to access music, movies and related content throughout the home. The company possesses a deep portfolio of designs for new products including media servers, DVD systems, remote players and networking and streaming devices, that are brought to market under the Escient brand through a channel of over 800 locations throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Mexico, and in partnership with other leading global consumer electronics brands.

About NetStreams

Headquartered in Austin, Texas, NetStreams provides sophisticated networked audio leading the marketplace in technological innovation. NetStreams is committed to utilizing state-of-the-art human engineering to create home entertainment products that are truly user-friendly and future-compatible. NetStreams is creating the future of home entertainment today.

For additional information on NetStreams and its innovative products, please visit www.netstreams.com.

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