

## Bigfoot Networks™ Releases Killer™ NIC Driver Suite 4.0 With Gamer-Grade Security and Bandwidth Features

*Major release adds new performance gaming features to the Killer NIC and is a free upgrade to all Killer NIC owners.*

Austin, TX (PRWEB) June 18, 2008 -- Bigfoot Networks™ announced the release of their Killer™ Driver Suite 4.0 (<http://www.killernic.com/products/4-0-release.aspx>) today, a major feature release that adds Killer Hardware Bandwidth Control and a Killer Hardware Firewall to the Killer NIC M1 and Killer NIC K1 gaming network cards.

The only Network Interface Card (NIC) built for online gaming, Killer NIC (<http://www.killernic.com/default.aspx>) accelerates online game data and offloads network operations from the CPU for a smoother online experience and a competitive advantage.

"Bigfoot Networks has always been dedicated to fighting Lag," said Harlan Beverly, CEO and co-founder of Bigfoot Networks. "With the 4.0 release, we're continuing to make the Killer NIC platform a serious tool for lag reduction and online game performance."

The new Killer Hardware Bandwidth Control feature allows gamers to prioritize or shape all networking traffic on their client machines, keeping unimportant or low-priority traffic away from their high-priority gaming traffic for the best online gaming experience. Killer Hardware Bandwidth Control also allows users to limit any particular application's bandwidth usage, and allow critical game traffic to get the lion's share of needed dedicated bandwidth.

"A Windows PC connected to the Internet is always hitting the Internet," said Beverly. "Whether it's looking for operating system updates or pesky application updates or even just streaming music in the background, the need to manage the bandwidth usage of any Internet application has become mission critical to gamers and others."

"With Killer Hardware Bandwidth Control, we can make all these applications and tasks wait their turn and let gamers get an uninterrupted, smooth game-play experience," Beverly added.

The new Killer Hardware Firewall adds intrusion security for gamers that either have turned their software firewall off to avoid game performance degradation, or are using a router or other hardware to stop intruders.

"If you're not using a firewall, start now," continued Beverly. "And if you are, you're most likely using a software solution like Windows® Firewall or a firewall on your over-taxed router. Killer NIC offloads the firewall from your CPU or router to its NPU, where its Linux-based iptables firewall can screen and protect faster and with much less lag than a software firewall or a router firewall."

"With Killer Hardware Firewall," said Beverly, "gamers can now live worry-free in the DMZ," referring to a setting on most routers allowing gamers to avoid slower processing queues. "Killer's NPU can run robust security faster than any consumer-grade solution I have ever heard of."

Bigfoot Networks has steadily released new features and developed new products since the first launch of the Killer NIC in November, 2006. In order to accelerate the development of new features, products and lag-fighting technology, Bigfoot recently secured an \$8.75 million round of Series B funding from North Bridge Venture Partners, Palomar Ventures, and previous investor Venio Capital Partners.

About Bigfoot Networks (<http://www.bigfootnetworks.com>):

Bigfoot Networks develops technologies to fight lag in online games. The company's mission is to enhance Internet-based online game experiences in multiplayer action games. The company's hardware and software solutions are targeted at gamer PC's and game hosting servers. Powered by its highly acclaimed (patent pending) Lag and Latency Reduction technology, the flagship Killer™ NIC is the industry's first network interface card (NIC) designed specifically to improve PC Game network performance for a smoother, more responsive online game experience. To learn more visit Bigfoot Networks (<http://www.killernic.com>).

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