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Rusty Cumpston Joins CloudShield Technologies as Chief Executive Officer Former COO of ONI Systems chooses CloudShield

Sunnyvale CA, March 18, 2003 – CloudShield Technologies, developer and innovator of the world's first packet server, today announced the appointment of Rusty Cumpston to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

“CloudShield continues to establish itself as the leader in the emerging area of active networking. The opportunity is tremendous and we are privileged to have a pioneer like Rusty as our CEO. Rusty provides the ideal mix of leadership skills, operational experience and telecommunications background. His thorough understanding of, and relationship with, our customers will be of great benefit” said Perry Wu, Partner at ComVentures.

Rusty has 20 years of executive management, leadership and engineering experience in communications and optical networking companies. Most recently, as the Senior Vice President for the Metro Product Group of Ciena Corp., Rusty helped the company finalize its \$900 million acquisition of ONI Systems, completing the integration of ONI products, people, processes and technology into Ciena while retaining all key staff. Prior to the merger, Rusty was the Chief Operating Officer at ONI where he was responsible for leading the engineering, operations, marketing, business development, human resources, legal and IT functions. Beginning in 1998, Rusty built the engineering and operations teams that helped grow ONI from start-up through successful IPO.

“Rusty has an enviable history of achievement bringing new networking products to market and building some of the best teams in the industry. Rusty's experience in quickly growing ONI's infrastructure to enable a multi-million dollar business and his experience in working with customers to adopt and deploy new technologies will benefit CloudShield and we are very glad that he chose to be CloudShield's CEO,” said Steve Foster, Partner at TPG Ventures.

Speaking on his new position with CloudShield Technologies, Rusty stated, “This is a great opportunity and I'm very excited to be here. Over the past several months, I conducted an extensive search to find a new opportunity that excited me in much the same way as ONI Systems did when I chose to join them. CloudShield's people, vision and products significantly impressed me and after validating customer enthusiasm for the product, I knew that CloudShield was the best opportunity and the one I would enjoy leading the most. I believe we will build a great company and a very successful business.”

About CloudShield Technologies, Inc.

CloudShield Technologies is the developer of the world's first packet server, a new platform which significantly enhances data networks for carriers, ISPs and large



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enterprises. Based on an award winning processing architecture and featuring a 4GL packet-oriented programming environment, CloudShield's Packet Server allows customers to implement optical-speed packet services that make their networks more intelligent, profitable and resilient. Founded in October 2000, CloudShield is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California. For more information, visit www.cloudshield.com.

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