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FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Under
The Securities Act of 1933

REDBACK NETWORKS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	7373	77-0438443
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Primary Standard Industrial	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	Classification Code Number	Identification Number)
	300 Holger Way	
	San Jose, CA 95134	
	(408) 750-5000	
(Address, including zip code, an	d telephone number, including area code, of Registrant'	s principal executive offices)
	Kevin A. DeNuccio	
	Director, Chief Executive Officer	

300 Holger Way San Jose, CA 95134 (408) 750-5000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

and President Redback Networks Inc.

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box: \Box

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box:

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment Securities Act registration statement number of	1		, .	and list the
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If this Form is a post-effective amendment securities or additional classes of securities put	ursuant to Rule 431(b) u	•		ister additional
	Amount to	Proposed Maximum	Proposed Maximum	Amount of
Title of Each Class of	be	Offering Price Per	Aggregate Offering	Registration
Securities to be Registered	Registered	Share (1)	Price (1)(2)	Fee
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share				
	11,355,200	\$ 22.37	\$254,015,824	\$27,180
 Estimated solely for the purpose of comp Securities Act of 1933, as amended, base common stock as reported by The Nasdae Includes shares of common stock which in 	d on \$ 22.37, which repr q Stock Market on May	resents the average of the hig 5, 2006.	h and low sales prices of the	` '



Common Stock

From time to time, we and certain selling stockholders may offer and sell shares of common stock in amounts, at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the common stock by any selling stockholders.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to an offering of our common stock. The specific terms and any other information relating to a specific offering will be set forth in a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or in a supplement to this prospectus or may be set forth in one or more documents incorporated by reference to this prospectus.

We and any selling stockholders may offer and sell common stock to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The supplements to this prospectus will provide the specific terms of the plan of distribution.

Our common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "RBAK." The last reported sale price of our common stock on May 8, 2006 was \$21.13 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See the "Risk Factors" section contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved of these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents incorporated into this prospectus by reference, includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. These forward-looking statements include all statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this prospectus, including statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, and plans and objectives of management for future operations. When we use the words, "anticipate," "assume," "estimate," "project," "intend," "expect," "plan," "believe," "should," "likely" and similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements.

We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives, and financial needs. These statements are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated into this prospectus by reference may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Although we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law, you are advised to consult any additional disclosures we make in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, annual report on Form 10-K and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. See "Where You Can Find Additional Information." We provide a cautionary discussion of selected risks and uncertainties regarding an investment in our common stock in our periodic reports and in other documents that we subsequently file with the SEC, and which we will describe in supplements to this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

Please carefully consider the risk factors described in the applicable prospectus supplement, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus or include in any applicable prospectus supplement. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement our intended use for the net proceeds received by us from our sale of common stock under this prospectus.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation, Palo Alto, California.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed with the SEC are hereby incorporated by reference in this prospectus:

Our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, filed with the SEC on March 27, 2006, including the portions of our Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 10, 2006 in connection with our 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 11, 2006, incorporated by reference therein.

Our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on May 8, 2006.

Our current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 14, 2006.

The description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on April 22, 1999.

The description of our preferred share purchase rights associated with our Series A junior participating preferred stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on June 15, 2001, as amended on May 31, 2002, October 3, 2003 and January 12, 2004.

All reports and other documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering contemplated hereby and by the relevant prospectus supplement shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such reports and other documents.

We hereby undertake to provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any and all of the information that has been or may be incorporated by reference in this prospectus, other than exhibits to such documents. Requests for such copies should be directed to our Investor Relations department, at the following address:

Redback Networks Inc. 300 Holger Way San Jose, CA 95134 (408) 750-5000

WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy and documents we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the public reference room. The SEC also maintains an Internet web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the site is www.sec.gov.

Our Internet address is *www.redback.com*. We make available free of charge, on or through the investor relations section of our website, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. The shares of common stock offered under this prospectus are offered only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of the common stock.

This prospectus constitutes a part of a Registration Statement we filed with the SEC under the Securities Act. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement, certain parts of which are omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information with respect to Redback and the shares of common stock, reference is hereby made to the Registration Statement. The Registration Statement may be inspected at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at the address set forth above. Statements contained herein concerning any document filed as an exhibit are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. Each such statement is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth fees and expenses payable by the registrant, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby. All amounts set forth below are estimates, except the SEC registration fee.

	Amount to be
SEC registration fee	\$27,180
Printing fees	100,000
Legal fees and expenses (including state blue sky fees)	275,000
Accounting fees and expenses	150,000
Transfer agent fees	10,000
Miscellaneous	37,820
Total	\$600,000

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's board of directors to grant, indemnity to officers, directors and other corporate agents in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations.

As permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of its directors for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors.

In addition, as permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the bylaws of the registrant provide that:

The registrant shall indemnify its directors and officers for serving the registrant in those capacities or for serving in any capacity at the registrant's request, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the registrant, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful.

The registrant may, in its discretion, indemnify employees and agents in those circumstances where indemnification is not required by law.

The registrant is required to advance expenses, as incurred, to its directors and officers in connection with defending a proceeding, except that such director or officer shall undertake to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification.

The registrant will not be obligated pursuant to the bylaws to indemnify a person with respect to proceedings initiated by that person, except with respect to proceedings authorized by the registrant's board of directors or brought to enforce a right to indemnification.

The rights conferred in the bylaws are not exclusive, and the registrant is authorized to enter into indemnification agreements with its directors, officers, employees and agents and to obtain insurance to indemnify such persons.

The registrant may not retroactively amend the bylaw provisions to reduce its indemnification obligations to directors, officers, employees and agents.

The registrant's policy is to enter into separate indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers that provide the maximum indemnity allowed to directors and executive officers by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law and that allow for certain additional procedural protections. The registrant also maintains directors and officers insurance to insure such persons against certain liabilities.

These indemnification provisions and the indemnification agreements entered into between the registrant and its officers and directors may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of the registrant's officers and directors for liabilities (including reimbursement of expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act.

In connection with an offering of the securities registered hereunder, the registrant may enter into an underwriting agreement which may provide that the underwriters are obligated, under certain circumstances, to indemnify directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Item 16. Exhibits.

Exhibit

The following exhibits are included herein or incorporated herein by reference:

Nb	Description
Number 1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement. *
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Form 10-K filed on March 15, 2004).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Form 10-Q filed on May 15, 2001).
3.3	Certificate of Designation of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock of Redback Networks Inc. (which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on January 12, 2004).
4.1	Rights Agreement, dated as of June 12, 2001, as amended on May 21, 2002, October 2, 2003 and January 5, 2004, between Redback Networks Inc., and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation, as Rights Agent (which is incorporated herein by reference to (i) Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 15, 2001; (ii) Exhibit 4.2 of the Registrant's Form 8-A/A filed on May 31, 2002; (iii) Exhibit 4.3 of the Registrant's Form 8-A/A filed on October 3, 2003; and (iv) Exhibit 4.4 of the Registrant's Form 8-A/A filed on January 12, 2004).
4.2	Form of Redback Networks Inc. Common Stock Certificate (which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.10 of the Registrant's Form S-4 filed on August 22, 2003 (File No. 333-108170), as amended).
5.1	Opinion of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation.
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
23.2	Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation (included in Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement).
24.1	Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature page of this Registration Statement).

^{*} To be filed by amendment or with a document to be incorporated by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
 - (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is

part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
 - (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
 - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
 - (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
 - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Exchange Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on the 8th day of May, 2006.

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By:	/s/ KEVIN A. DENUCCIO
	Kevin A. DeNuccio
	Director Chief Executive Officer and President

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Kevin A. DeNuccio and Thomas L. Cronan III, and each of them acting individually, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution, for him in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments or any abbreviated registration statement and any amendments thereto filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, increasing the number of securities for which registration is sought), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of each to act alone, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully for all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement on Form S-3 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ KEVIN A. DENUCCIO Kevin A. DeNuccio	Director, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)	May 8, 2006
/s/ THOMAS L. CRONAN III Thomas L. Cronan III	Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration (<i>Principal</i> Financial and Accounting Officer)	May 8, 2006
/s/ ROY D. BEHREN	Director	May 8, 2006
Roy D. Behren /s/ JOHN L. DREW John L. Drew	Director	May 8, 2006
/s/ DAVID C. FRIEZO David C. Friezo	Director	May 8, 2006

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ PAUL GIORDANO Paul Giordano	Director	May 8, 2006
/s/ MARTIN A. KAPLAN Martin A. Kaplan	Director	May 8, 2006
/s/ WILLIAM H. KURTZ William H. Kurtz	Director	May 8, 2006

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[Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Letterhead]

May 8, 2006

Redback Networks Inc. 300 Holger Way San Jose, CA 94134

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At your request, we have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by Redback Networks Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 8, 2006 in connection with the registration pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), that is automatically effective under the Act pursuant to Rule 462(e) promulgated thereunder, of the Shares (as defined below).

The Registration Statement relates to the proposed issuance and sale, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Act, of 11,355,200 shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Shares"). The Shares are to be sold from time to time as set forth in the Registration Statement, any post-effective amendments to the Registration Statement, the prospectus contained in the Registration Statement (the "Prospectus") and any supplements to the Prospectus (each, a "Prospectus Supplement"), pursuant to a purchase, underwriting or similar agreement in substantially the form to be filed under a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or a Current Report on Form 8-K.

We have examined instruments, documents, certificates and records that we have deemed relevant and necessary for the basis of our opinions hereinafter expressed. In such examination, we have assumed: (i) the authenticity of original documents and the genuineness of all signatures; (ii) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies; (iii) that the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto will have become effective under the Act; (iv) that a Prospectus Supplement will have been filed with the Commission describing the Shares offered thereby; (v) that all Shares will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the applicable Prospectus Supplement; (vi) that a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with respect to any Shares offered will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the parties thereto; (vii) that with respect to any issuance of Shares by the Company, there will be sufficient shares of Common Stock under the Company's organizational documents that are not otherwise reserved for issuance.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that when the issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized by appropriate corporate action and the Shares have been duly issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement, then the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and we consent to the reference of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus and in any Prospectus Supplements forming a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not believe that we are "experts" within the meaning of such term as used in the Act or in the rules and regulations of the Commission issued thereunder with respect to any part of the Registration Statement, including this opinion as an exhibit.

Very truly yours,

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI Professional Corporation

/s/ WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3ASR of Redback Networks Inc. (the Company) of our report dated March 27, 2006 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule, management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Jose, California May 8, 2006