

STEC Solid State Drive (SSD) Technology Enhances Dot Hill's Ruggedized RAID Storage Arrays

STEC Enterprise SSDs Expand Reach into Mission-Critical Ruggedized Applications

SANTA ANA, Calif., November 4, 2009 – STEC, Inc. (NASDAQ: STEC), today announced qualification of its ZeusIOPS SSDs across a wide range of Dot Hill's platforms including iSCSI, SAS, and Fibre Channel RAID Arrays. STEC SSDs provide complementary rugged media to Dot Hill's ruggedized storage area network solutions, creating a combined solution ideal for mission-critical environments.

As a specialized provider of quality and reliable storage solutions to applications with stringent requirements, Dot Hill needed a storage solution that could withstand harsh conditions. STEC's ZeusIOPS SSD is adaptable to an expansive range of applications, leveraging the inherent strengths of SSDs - no moving parts - as well as high shock, temperature, and vibration tolerances. In addition, ZeusIOPS SSDs enhance Dot Hill's storage arrays by delivering ultra fast access time, near zero latency, and high-end, enterprise-class performance levels. In strenuous and demanding environments, STEC SSDs are able to overcome many of the limitations of traditional, rotating hard disks, and deliver more performance with fewer drives.

"Dot Hill is pleased to qualify STEC's SSD drives for enhanced reliability and performance of our storage offerings for mission-critical environments," said Andy Mills, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, Dot Hill Systems. "STEC's long history of designing SSDs for ruggedized environments makes them uniquely qualified to aid us in delivering solutions for these applications. STEC brings a strong base of technical expertise including advanced-endurance and reliability techniques that can improve the overall performance of our ruggedized system deployments."

"We have combined two very powerful ingredients -- the proprietary high-performance design features of our ZeusIOPS and the built-in ruggedness of solid state drive technology -- to create an ideal solution for these demanding environments," said Manouch Moshayedi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC, Inc. "We are excited at how SSD adoption is now moving beyond conventional enterprise environments. Following up our first major deployment of our MACH8 family of SSDs earlier this year in a military application, our state-of-the-art ZeusIOPS product family is now being utilized in the most strenuous applications."

For more information regarding this announcement and other important SSD topics, please visit the company's web site at www.stec-inc.com.

About STEC

STEC, Inc., with headquarters in Santa Ana, California and offices around the globe, designs, manufactures and markets high performance storage solutions. The company's product portfolio includes the industry's broadest SSD offerings. For more information, visit the company's web site at <http://www.stec-inc.com>

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