

STEC Expands Reach of Its Solid-State Drives (SSDs) In Europe Through a Distribution Agreement with Hammer

ZeusIOPS and MACH8 SSD Families to Be Distributed By Hammer, One of Europe's Leading Value-Added Storage Distributors

SANTA ANA, Calif., December 04, 2009 – STEC, Inc. (NASDAQ: STEC), today announced it has chosen Hammer, one of Europe's largest storage distributors, to distribute its industry-leading ZeusIOPS SSD and MACH8 Families of SSD products. As the market for SSDs expands in Europe, it will become increasingly important to be able to reach a wide base of storage customers. As Europe's leading and largest storage distributor, Hammer employs a business model that lends itself to delivering solutions for a variety of storage applications for which STEC's SSDs are well-suited.

"More and more of our European Enterprise OEMs are embracing Solid State technology and by offering STEC's leading SSDs, Hammer intends to be at the forefront of the SSD trend in Europe," said Gerard Marlow, Disk Business Development Manager at Hammer. "We see a lot of exciting opportunities for SSD, and STEC and Hammer share a commitment to proliferating SSD usage throughout Europe."

"STEC's strong portfolio of Enterprise SSD solutions supported by Hammer's wide coverage of the European Enterprise Storage market allows us to form a synergistic partnership," said Manouch Moshayedj, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC, Inc. "Each of our companies share about 20 years of experience in our respective industries. Partnering with Hammer, who has key knowledge of the local markets and customers, will be important as we continue to stretch the borders of SSD adoption worldwide."

James Ward, managing director at Hammer, said: "Hammer's partnering with STEC on ZeusIOPS further solidifies our position as Europe's leading SSD storage distributor".

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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Hammer is a leading specialist storage distributor. Its success is based on a total commitment to storage, combined with unrivalled technical knowledge and customer service quality in providing data storage for any storage requirement. Recognized for its commitment to innovation, Hammer

works closely with selected world-class vendors and market-leading resellers and integrators. It also develops and provides flexible and bespoke storage solutions for all markets. Founded in 1991 and a privately owned company, Hammer has its headquarters in Basingstoke, England, with a staff of 100+, and has increasing European presence with offices in Ireland, the Nordics, Italy, and Benelux. For further information visit the website at www.hammerplc.com

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