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STEC ZeusIOPS® SSDs Integrated in Entire Line of Fujitsu's Latest ETERNUS DX Enterprise Storage Systems

Qualifications Include Fujitsu's Top-of-the-Line ETERNUS DX8700 S2 Storage System

SANTA ANA, Calif., December 19, 2011 – [STEC, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: STEC), The SSD Company™, a leading global provider of solid-state drive (SSD) technologies and products, today announced that its flagship enterprise-class ZeusIOPS® SSDs are now qualified across Fujitsu's ETERNUS DX storage system portfolio including the next-generation ETERNUS DX8700 S2 Enterprise Storage System. The integration of STEC's ZeusIOPS SSDs into Fujitsu's next-generation ETERNUS DX8700 S2 storage system supports multiple open system environments and virtualized infrastructures, while delivering the high-end storage reliability, performance, flexibility and cost-efficiency required for mission-critical data center applications.

Fujitsu and STEC previously collaborated on the successful qualification of STEC's ZeusIOPS SSDs into Fujitsu's earlier generation of ETERNUS DX storage systems. Now, the full range of Fujitsu's storage customers covering economy, scalable entry-level, midrange and large scale data center system segments, will experience the benefits that ZeusIOPS SSDs provide, and with the unique and modular architecture of Fujitsu's new ETERNUS DX8700 S2 storage system, will scale to customer's growth.

"Fujitsu has been a valuable partner to STEC over the years and we are pleased that our flagship ZeusIOPS SSDs are now qualified across the entire Fujitsu ETERNUS DX Series platform," said Manouch Moshayed, STEC's Chairman and CEO. "We are excited to be contributing to the enhancement of Fujitsu's next-generation storage systems, and with their innovative architecture, will help us reach many new end-users. These latest qualifications with Fujitsu are emblematic of how we continue to be the SSD vendor of choice for many of the world's leading storage OEMs."

The ZeusIOPS SSD available on Fujitsu's ETERNUS DX Series platform supports a SAS (Serial Attached SCSI) interface, 2.5-inch form factors, and offers a comprehensive array of options, including a broad range of capacities and outstanding sustainable input/output operations per second (IOPS) that helps relieve system bottlenecks commonly associated with hard disk drive (HDD) rotating media. Fundamental to the ZeusIOPS SSD family is the proprietary STEC SSD controller architecture that enables STEC to provide enterprise-optimized storage devices with an exceptional combination of performance and energy efficiency.

"Our new ETERNUS DX8700 S2 rewrites the rules by making the leap from a monolithic to modular architecture, and in combination with STEC's ZeusIOPS SSDs, provides mission-critical levels of reliability and performance demanded by the enterprise, without unnecessary expenses or additional upfront investments," said Yasuhito Arikawa, General Manager of Storage Systems Division, Storage Systems Unit at Fujitsu. "By offering STEC's industry-leading ZeusIOPS SSDs across the entire ETERNUS DX Series, IT professionals working with SAN, DAS or NAS configurations are afforded the benefits of superior performance, reliability and endurance, while reducing power consumption in their implementation of SSDs."

Fujitsu's latest generation ETERNUS DX8700 S2 Enterprise Storage System introduces a new architecture that can be flexibly expanded to meet ever-changing business needs, and with ZeusIOPS SSDs, supports high-end storage applications, multiple open systems environments and virtualized infrastructures. It enables customers to minimize initial costs by starting with a system as small as two controller modules and four drive enclosures, and then scale as required. The dual controller configuration can be scaled to eight controllers and can support up to 3,072 SAS-based, 2.5-inch ZeusIOPS SSDs. Also featured within the ETERNUS DX8700 S2 is Fujitsu's new Flexible Data Management function that enables data to be automatically tiered across different drive types and capacities to ensure an optimum service level in dynamic and fast-changing environments.

For more information regarding this solution, or other STEC enterprise SSD solutions, please visit the company's web site at <http://www.stec-inc.com>.

About STEC

STEC, Inc., The SSD Company™, is a leading global provider of solid-state drive (SSD) technologies and solutions tailored to meet the high-performance, high-reliability needs of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). With headquarters in Santa Ana, California and locations worldwide, STEC leverages almost two decades of solid-state knowledge and experience to deliver the most comprehensive line of SSDs to the storage industry. For more information, visit the company's web site at <http://www.stec-inc.com>.

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