

STEC Delivers Unprecedented Level of Performance and Reliability to Hitachi's USP Line of Storage Platforms

STEC's ZeusIOPS Fibre Channel Solid State Drive Technology Designed Into Hitachi's High-End of Intelligent Storage Systems

SANTA ANA, Calif., Jan. 26, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- STEC, Inc. (NasdaqGS:[STEC - News](#)), today announced that Hitachi (NYSE:[HIT - News](#)) has developed their highest performance storage platforms utilizing the ZeusIOPS Fibre Channel SSD.

“This partnership with Hitachi is a reflection of the shared vision across Hitachi and STEC. Through close collaboration, STEC has optimized Flash-based SSD products to meet the unique needs of Hitachi,” said Manouch Moshayedi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC. “STEC is proud to have the partnership with Hitachi, and we look forward to continued collaboration on Enterprise-Storage products.”

“Hitachi has been working very closely with STEC over the recent years to fully qualify Flash-based SSDs,” said Shuji Sugimoto, Hitachi's General Manager of Storage Systems Development. “In order to support the enterprise OEMs with Flash-based SSDs, an organization must be a broad line supplier with the right mix of technology, infrastructure, quality and cost. STEC and Hitachi are delivering leading-edge technologies that enable customers to provide exceptional performance of business-critical applications, with significantly improved utilization, while also reducing power and cooling consumption.”

The ZeusIOPS product line is STEC's high-end enterprise SSD product line, which has been in mass production for more than a year and widely available for enterprise OEMs seeking the optimal storage device technology for high performance and high reliability. STEC offers the drives in a range of capacities up to 1/2 Terabyte today and offers multiple enterprise interfaces spanning Fibre Channel to SAS to SATA. Due to ZeusIOPS' unprecedented level of IOPS, the product is garnering mass adoption in numerous enterprise applications.