

STEC Drives Integrated with IBM's SAN Volume Controller (SVC) System, Advancing the Next Stage of Virtualized Storage System Performance

STEC's ZeusIOPS Solid State Drive (SSD) Improves Read/Write and IOPS Performance in IBM's Virtualized Storage Environment

SANTA ANA, Calif., November 4, 2009 – STEC, Inc. (NASDAQ: STEC), today announces STEC's ZeusIOPS SSDs have been integrated into IBM's SAN Volume Controller (SVC) system delivering improved system efficiency over SVC systems using traditional hard disk drives (HDDs). The SSD-enabled version of IBM's SVC provides yet another example of the wide adoption potential of STEC's high-performance SSDs within the world's leading storage systems into new applications, this time in the direction of virtualized storage.

Already a leading Storage Virtualization System, the IBM SAN Volume Controller (SVC) is now SSD-Enabled and incorporates STEC's ZeusIOPS SSD to deliver a SSD -transactional performance up to 800,000 read IOPS per cluster, as well as the ability to add SSDs without disruption to the SVC system. These features exemplify how Enterprise SSD technology within the virtualized storage environment is able to improve overall system efficiency and deliver outstanding throughput and performance.

"With this announcement, we are tying together two key trends in storage – SSD adoption in the Enterprise and storage virtualization," said Manouch Moshayedi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC. "This type of collaboration between STEC and IBM further expands the reach of our SSD products into new applications. Through these efforts, we have demonstrated that we are able to improve the performance of even the most advanced systems in the virtualized storage arena and we are proud to have IBM as a valued partner."

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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