

PRESS RELEASE

# STEC Advances Along the Next Vector of Solid-State Drive Adoption With SAS-SSD for Servers and Mid-Range Storage Systems

**Following in the Footsteps of the Wide-Spread Qualification and Production of FC-Based SSD for Storage Systems, STEC ZeusIOPS With SAS Interface Now Moving Into Intense Qualification in Server Systems**

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SANTA ANA, Calif., Nov 17, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- STEC, Inc. ([STEC:5.01, +0.01, +0.1%](#)), today announced that the Zeus-SAS product line -- of Solid-State Drives (SSD) -- is expected to generate more than \$1 million in sample revenue -- during the fourth quarter of 2008 -- as customer purchases of its ZeusIOPS with SAS interface gain momentum. Along with Fiber Channel (FC) and SATA versions, the ZeusIOPS product family includes SAS 3Gb in both 2.5" and 3.5" form factors as part of an expansive enterprise SSD product offering.

Enterprise Class SSDs with SAS Interface -- Proliferating the Benefits of SSD Across a Broader Range of Enterprise Systems

STEC offers a broad range of SSDs -- spanning Enterprise-Storage systems, Enterprise-Servers, Ultra-Mobile PCs and beyond -- each with distinct product architectures to achieve the unique requirements of specific applications. ZeusIOPS SSDs are the pinnacle of the SSD pyramid, with the world's fastest performance and highest reliability in a single SSD. Additionally, STEC is the only company offering SAS-based SSD.

While FC-SSD addresses the unique needs of high performance storage systems, SAS-based SSD enables another set of applications. SAS-SSDs address numerous systems ranging from servers to direct-attached storage to network-attached storage systems. The combination of FC and SAS-SSDs provides a comprehensive array of SSD- technology options for all Enterprise OEM customers.

"Fascinating market dynamics are stimulating increasing demand for enterprise SSD," said Pat Wilkison, STEC Inc.'s Vice President of Marketing and Business Development. "The broad adoption of the SAS interface, anticipated in 2009 -- coupled with exceptional improvements in SSD costs -- are combining as a strong catalyst for SAS-SSD adoption. SAS-SSD is supplementing the broad adoption of Fibre Channel SSD, wherein SAS-SSD provides another large-scale movement to bring Enterprise-class SAS-SSD into an expanding set of applications."

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