

STEC Achieves Expanded Qualifications and Integrates MACH16™ SSDs Across Infortrend's Full Range of Storage Families

Infortrend Selects STEC MACH16 SSDs Based on Superior Performance, Enterprise-class Reliability, and Cost-Effective Capacity for Its ESVA, EonStor DS and EonNAS 3000 Storage Series

SANTA ANA, Calif., October 18, 2011 – [STEC, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: STEC), The SSD Company™, a leading global provider of solid-state drive (SSD) technologies and products, today announced that it has extended its partnership with Taiwanese-based Infortrend, the networked storage expert, to incorporate STEC's popular MACH16™ SSDs across a full range of Infortrend storage systems. The combination of enterprise-class MACH16 SSDs in Infortrend's ESVA (Enterprise Scalable Virtualized Architecture), EonStor DS and EonNAS 3000 Series product families, enables data centers of all sizes to achieve superior access performance, enhanced reliability and endurance, and cost-effective capacity that is required to support today's mission-critical, throughput-intensive applications.

These qualifications are follow-on achievements to the successful ZeusIOPS® SSD qualifications by STEC into Infortrend's ESVA systems last year. Now with a complete set of platform SSD qualifications supporting ESVA, EonStor DS and EonNAS 3000 Series product families, STEC significantly broadens the performance, capacity and interface offerings available to Infortrend customers.

"The region that Infortrend services is strategic and continues to have robust demand for high-performance, cost-effective storage technologies," said Scott Stetzer, STEC's Vice President of Technical Marketing. "The qualification of our MACH16 SSDs into Infortrend storage solutions serves as another example of how STEC is bringing world-class performance and value to mid-range enterprises and small-to-medium-sized businesses across the globe, not just to high-end data centers. The Asia-Pacific region represents another area of dynamic growth for us."

"We are very excited about realizing the potential of this market with a partner like STEC and the stage is set for further cooperation by the companies in the future. MACH16 SSDs provide superior performance levels and enterprise-class reliability that truly exceeds our customers' requirements," said Thomas Kao, Infortrend's Director of Product Planning. "By offering support for MACH16 drives throughout Infortrend's storage systems line-up, mid-range enterprises and SMBs working with SAN, DAS or NAS configurations can all take advantage of these powerful SSDs."

STEC MACH16 SSDs available for Infortrend storage solutions include models that support multiple capacities, up to 26,000 input/output operations per second (IOPS) performance, up to 250MB/s of sustainable sequential Read speed, up to 180MB/s of sustainable sequential Write speed, and STEC's full data path protection. MACH16 SSDs also feature STEC's unique flash management technologies, CellCare™ and Secure Array of Flash Elements™, that enable this class of SSDs to deliver even better performance and endurance, while reducing power usage.

STEC MACH16 SSDs are now available on the following Infortrend storage systems – <http://infortrend.com/global/Home>:

- All ESVA systems – the ESVA product family is Infortrend's high-performance SAN storage solution positioned for Fibre Channel or IP SAN applications, and supports mid-range to large

enterprise environments. The cost per gigabyte advantages of the MACH16 SSD make it well positioned to accelerate ESVA data storage growth in the mid-range to large enterprise markets -- <http://infortrend.com/global/products/families/ESVA>;

- EonStor DS systems – the EonStor DS family is Infortrend’s entry-level storage solution. These systems are used primarily to provide reliable hardware and comprehensive data protection for SAN and DAS environments and the cost per gigabyte advantages of the MACH16 SSD make it ideal to accelerate EonStor DS data storage growth in small-to-medium-sized businesses (SMBs) -- <http://infortrend.com/global/products/families/ESDS>; and
- All EonNAS 3000 Series systems – the EonNAS 3000 Series serves file-based and block-based applications using a unified storage platform for SMBs and mid-range enterprise environments. MACH16 SSDs are used as cache memory and with its excellent Write performance, are a perfect solution to enhance cache operations -- <http://infortrend.com/global/products/families/EonNAS/3000>.

For more information regarding MACH16 SSDs, or other STEC enterprise SSD solutions covering ZeusRAM™, Kronos™ PCIe, and ZeusIOPS product families, 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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