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INDUSTRY LEADERS LAUNCH STARBOARD STORAGE SYSTEMS™, INC.

Demonstrate Market Momentum with 30 Customers and 30 Resellers Onboard

Broomfield, CO — February 13, 2012 – A team of storage industry leaders from Compellent, HP, LeftHand Networks, LSI and Sun today announced the launch of Starboard Storage Systems™, an innovator in Application-Crafted Storage™ systems for mixed workloads for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Starboard Storage Systems is led by storage industry leaders and entrepreneurs Victor Walker, CEO (Sun), Karl Chen, CMO (LeftHand Networks), Lee Johns, vice president of product management (HP), John Potochnik, vice president of engineering (LSI), Bill Chambers, chairman of the board (founder/CEO LeftHand Networks), and Dennis Johnson, advisor to the board (EVP, Compellent).

Starboard Storage already has more than 30 customers managing more than 750 terabytes of capacity with the Starboard AC72 Storage System™. Mid-tier customers across all industries are served by a growing network of value-added resellers (VARs), including more than 30 VARs producing results for Starboard today.

“Virtualization initiatives in the SME market are causing more than 100% annual storage growth, which in turn causes a tremendous amount of technical and operational headaches,” said Steve Duplessie, founder and senior analyst at the Enterprise Strategy Group. “This is a market ripe for a simple, elegant, virtualization optimized solution. Done right, the Starboard team has a huge opportunity in front of them.”

Starboard Storage Systems was founded to address the unique storage challenges of SMEs today. SME customers are overwhelmed with managing unstructured and virtualized data growth. Traditional storage systems are not designed to support mixed workloads efficiently within a single scalable storage system, forcing SME customers to maintain separate silos of DAS, NAS and SAN storage and make costly forklift upgrades from one storage array to another. Starboard Storage Systems gives customers the freedom to manage their applications rather

than their storage by delivering Application-Crafted Storage for mixed workloads, simplifying the manageability and driving down costs.

“I’m pleased to announce Starboard Storage Systems. We’ve pulled together an amazing team. We know the mid-market and its unique storage challenges and have been successful there before,” said Victor Walker, CEO of Starboard Storage Systems. “The fact that we have 30 customers and 30 producing resellers out of the gate is testament that we have a great solution for storing mixed workloads. The Application-Crafted Starboard AC72 Storage System reduces storage infrastructure complexity while boosting performance, driving down both operational and capital expenses.”

“Starboard Storage has the technology solution and the channel model to meet the market opportunity right now,” said Bill Chambers, chairman of the board, Starboard Storage Systems. “Resellers are looking for alternatives *and* they want to partner with a storage vendor that understands the mixed workload needs of SME customers. We have the focused resources and channel programs that resellers need to be successful. Starboard Storage has the product, the team and the right business model to be the next big play in storage.”

ABOUT STARBOARD STORAGE SYSTEMS:

Starboard Storage Systems is the innovator in Application-Crafted Storage™ systems for mixed workloads. Starboard Storage tackles the toughest storage problem facing Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) IT administrators today — managing mixed storage workloads that include unstructured, virtualized, and structured data. Starboard’s Application-Crafted AC72 Storage System delivers on the promise of sophisticated yet easy-to-manage storage for mixed workload environments. Starboard’s MAST architecture changes the price/performance equation relative to today’s SAN and NAS offerings.

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