

NEC INTEGRATES STEC Zeus IOPS™ SOLID STATE DRIVES (SSDs), MARKING THE FIRST PLATFORM-WIDE SSD IMPLEMENTATION

Enterprise-Class SSDs Increase Storage Performance While Reducing Overall Power Consumption Across NEC's D-Series SAN Storage Array

SANTA ANA, Calif., April 6, 2011 – [STEC, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: STEC), a global provider of high-end enterprise-class solid-state drive (SSD) technologies and solutions, today announced that its Zeus^{IOPS™} SSDs were selected for NEC's D-Series SAN Storage arrays as part of NEC's integration of SSD technology.

"Since our customers have stringent and precise requirements for storage solutions, teaming with STEC will allow us to push the capabilities of our SAN Storage devices even further, beginning with the D-Series implementation," said Chikara Suzuki, General Manager, Storage Products Division, NEC Corporation. "Performance and cost-effectiveness matter greatly within the enterprise space and the STEC Zeus^{IOPS} SSD provides both without compromise. We see this integration as a step towards greater SSD deployment across multiple NEC platforms."

The NEC D-Series SAN Storage array is designed specifically to meet the intense data requirements of an enterprise segment that is growing at an unprecedented rate. To address this increasing demand, the D-Series provides easily scalable SAN storage without sacrificing performance or flexibility. The new NEC D-Series SAN Storage arrays featuring STEC's Zeus^{IOPS} SSDs are available now for enterprise-level storage integration.¹

"We are excited to work alongside NEC to advance its D-Series SAN Storage arrays by adding the performance features of our Zeus^{IOPS} SSD," said Manouch Moshayedi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC. "Zeus^{IOPS} SSDs are among the most powerful and resource-efficient storage solutions ever engineered and we're glad that, through our collaboration, NEC can deliver the proven performance gains and power consumption savings of STEC's SSDs to its enterprise customers."

The [Zeus^{IOPS} SSD](#) product family presents a SSD design that enables performance breakthroughs that enable systems to deliver outstanding and sustainable Input/Outputs per second (IOPS). As a result, Zeus^{IOPS} SSDs can be easily integrated into existing storage infrastructures—delivering a new level of enterprise-optimized storage solutions. Additional Zeus^{IOPS} SSD advantages include:

- More than 200 times faster transactional performance over 15K RPM hard disk drive (HDD)
- Sustained random read performance in excess of 70,000 IOPS
- Sustained sequential large block transfers up to 450 MB/s
- Built-in enterprise focused advanced wear leveling
- 2.5-inch and 3.5-inch form factors for seamless replacement within existing storage systems
- Available in 6 Gb/s Serial-Attached SCSI (SAS) interface for complete storage solution

For more information regarding this announcement and other important SSD topics, please visit the company's web site at www.stec-inc.com/ssd/technology.

1: STEC's Zeus^{IOPS} 73GB and 400GB Serial-Attached SCSI (SAS) SSDs are available in NEC's D-Series SAN Storage arrays: D4-30 and D8-30.

About STEC

STEC, Inc. 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 drive knowledge and experience to deliver the most comprehensive line of solid-state drives to the storage industry. For more information, visit the company's web site at <http://www.stec-inc.com>.

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