

## STEC Extends Global Reach by Partnering with Greater China-Based Infortrend to Offer Solid State Drive-Enabled SAN Storage Solutions

*Qualification of STEC's ZeusIOPS SSD within Infortrend's ESVA F60 Storage Systems Highlights the Expanding Availability of Enterprise-Class SSD Technology for Performance Intensive Applications*

SANTA ANA, Calif., July 22, 2010 – STEC, Inc. (Nasdaq: STEC), an industry leading supplier of solid state drives (SSDs), and Infortrend, a storage expert, today announced that the companies have collaborated to incorporate STEC's SSD technology into Infortrend's ESVA (Enterprise scalable virtualized architecture) F60 storage solutions. The combination of STEC's ZeusIOPS SSD's proven enterprise features with Infortrend's F60 Fibre Channel (FC) to Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) storage systems enables users to achieve superior, reliable performance for their mission-critical, throughput-intensive applications.

The integration of STEC's ZeusIOPS SAS SSD into the ESVA F60-2830 effectively broadens the ESVA's performance offering. Users will have more choices for the ESVA F60 in drive selections that best suit their requirements and can add IO performance in a scalable manner. This successful integration paves the way for further cooperation and qualifications between STEC and Infortrend.

"STEC's ZeusIOPS SSDs were selected for incorporation into our ESVA systems based on their unique performance attributes," said James Hsieh, Vice President of Global Marketing at Infortrend. Collaboration with a proven industry-leader such as STEC to boost the storage system performance allows us to offer our customers meaningful improvements in how they store and access data in their SAN networks."

"Greater China holds the potential of being the next frontier for emerging storage technologies such as virtualization and SSDs," said Scott Stetzer, Vice President of Technical Marketing at STEC. "Though the collaboration and qualification has an immediate worldwide impact, by leveraging Infortrend's strong foothold in the Greater China region, STEC sees a breakthrough point into the Greater China market. This is yet another stride towards achieving our goal of widespread adoption of Enterprise SSDs."

The ZeusIOPS SSD product family offers a comprehensive array of options for Enterprise system architects and is the world's most broadly deployed Enterprise SSD technology. ZeusIOPS SSDs provide a wide range of interface options, spanning Fibre Channel to SAS, and capacity options, from 73GB to 800GB. Fundamental to the ZeusIOPS product family is its proprietary SSD architecture, which renders an Enterprise-optimized storage device with an unprecedented combination of performance and energy efficiency.

The Infortrend ESVA series is designed to support a powerful, reliable and flexible SAN. It offers extensive configuration choices to meet diverse application requirements of performance, capacity, space and costs. Based on Enterprise Scalable Virtualized Architecture, the ESVA SAN can help mid-range enterprises optimize returns on investment, simplify storage infrastructure, and maximize application productivity.

### 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>.

The STEC logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=1079>

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Infortrend, the networked storage expert, is a pioneer in cost-effective, high performance storage products. The company provides ESVA<sup>®</sup>, EonStor DS, EonStor<sup>®</sup>, EonNAS storage solutions and SANWatch<sup>®</sup> software for virtually all storage interfaces including Fibre Channel, SAS, iSCSI, SCSI and SATA. For over a decade, Infortrend has provided reliable, fault-tolerant technology to prominent ODMs, distributors, and storage integrators worldwide. The company's core competency includes performance optimized RAID ASICs, feature-rich firmware, and redundant, high availability RAID subsystems and storage solutions. Founded in 1993, Infortrend is traded on the Taiwan Stock Exchange (Taiex), ticker number 2495. For more information, please visit [www.infortrend.com](http://www.infortrend.com).

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