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STEC Signs a \$120 Million Supply Agreement for ZeusIOPS SSDs for 2H 2009 and Now Forecasts Sales of ZeusIOPS SSDs to Exceed \$220 Million in 2009

STEC and Its Major Enterprise Storage Customers Continue Collaboration to Drive Adoption of SSD Technology Into High-Performance Enterprise Storage Systems

SANTA ANA, Calif., July 16, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- STEC, Inc. (Nasdaq:STEC), announced today that it has signed an agreement with one of its largest enterprise storage customers for sales of \$120 million of ZeusIOPS SSDs in the second half of 2009. STEC believes that this agreement reflects the enterprise storage manufacturer's continued commitment to integrate STEC's SSD technology into the manufacturer's systems and validates significant storage system performance improvements enabled by STEC's ZeusIOPS SSDs in these enterprise systems. With this agreement signed, STEC now forecasts revenue from the sale of its ZeusIOPS drives will exceed \$220 million in 2009.

"We are pleased to see that sales of our customer's enterprise storage systems utilizing our ZeusIOPS drives have grown significantly over the past few years," said Manouch Moshayedi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC. "Our customers have helped evangelize this technology and we are glad to be partnered with them as we expect that they will help drive further innovation in SSD usage in the highest-end of the enterprise storage markets."

The STEC ZeusIOPS SSD product family offers a comprehensive array of options for enterprise system architects. ZeusIOPS SSD provides a wide range of interface options, spanning Fibre Channel to SAS to SATA, as well as the widest range of capacity options, spanning 73GB to 1TB. Fundamental to the ZeusIOPS product family is the proprietary SSD architecture which renders an enterprise-optimized storage device with an unprecedented combination of performance and energy efficiency.

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

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>

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