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**STEC ZeusIOPS SSD Optimizes Performance and Efficiency in Compellent's Storage Area Network (SAN)
STEC and Compellent Lead Industry's First Automated, Block-Tiering Solution to Enable Better Performance and Reduced Total Costs**

SANTA ANA, Calif., July 7, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- STEC, Inc. (Nasdaq:STEC) today announced that STEC's Enterprise-class ZeusIOPS Solid State Drives (SSDs) are now integrated and shipping into the new release of Compellent's Storage Area Network (SAN), enabling a new level of performance that can be easily managed like traditional drives in virtualized, automated environments.

Utilized in an automated tiered storage configuration, Compellent's virtualization software, Data Progression, enables customers to use SSDs for active data and automatically migrate inactive data to lower cost drives. This allows customers to optimize their storage system infrastructure and deploy SSDs at a reduced cost.

"Particularly with today's economic backdrop, customers are looking to increase performance while reducing IT infrastructure costs," said Bruce Kornfeld, Vice President of Marketing, of Compellent. "By combining STEC's SSD and Compellent's patented software, we are able to better leverage the benefits of SSDs and allow our customers to achieve Enterprise-level performance at a lower overall cost."

"Through extensive Enterprise-level design and product expertise, coupled with our integration activities with Compellent, we believe we've delivered a unique solution to Compellent and its end-users," said Manouch Moshayedi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC. "As our customers become more aware of the benefits of using SSDs in their systems, we are seeing new and diverse applications arise for our products. We are glad that by integrating our SSDs into these systems we were able to bring exceptional value to Compellent's customers."

The 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, from 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/ssd/technology.

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/ssd/technology>.

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