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### Open-E Data Storage Software V6 (DSS V6) Achieves VMware Ready™ Status

**Stoneham, MA – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Open-E, is a leading developer of innovative storage management software, and is announcing that the Open-E DSS V6 (Data Storage Software V6) has achieved the VMware Ready™ status. This designation indicates that DSS V6 (Data Storage Software V6) has passed a detailed evaluation and testing process managed by VMware and is now listed on the VMware Hardware Compatibility List.

Passing the extensive VMware specified testing helps ensure that Open-E Data Storage Software V6 (DSS V6) offers the best use with VMware technology and is ready for deployment in customer environments.

“We are pleased that Data Storage Software V6 qualifies for the VMware Ready™ logo, signifying to customers that it has passed specific VMware testing and interoperability criteria and is ready to run in production environments,” said Bernie Mills, senior director, alliance programs, VMware.

“We are very pleased that our comprehensive testing of VMware vSphere 4.0 with DSS V6 have resulted in an industry ‘must-have’ solution for enhancing storage consolidation and complete data protection for organizations operating in a VMware environment,” said Krzysztof Franek, President and CEO of Open-E. “VMware vSphere delivers the highest levels of performance, scalability and robustness required for enterprise storage environments – and our combined solution will now allow datacenters to provision their storage easily and cost-effectively. Moreover, the solution offers enhanced functionality with built-in data protection; virtualization; backup and recovery; and volume replication for disaster recovery – all with virtually any connectivity.”

The VMware Ready program is a VMware co-branding program for qualified partner products and is a benefit of the VMware Technology Alliance Partner (TAP) program. With more than 1,300 members worldwide, the VMware TAP program works with best-of-breed technology partners to

provide them a comprehensive set of VMware technical and marketing services, support, tools and expertise to deliver enhanced value to joint customers.

Open-E DSS V6 (Data Storage Software V6) can be found within the online VMware Partner Product Catalog at <http://wwwa.vmware.com/partnercatalog/catalog/>. Hardware products can be found within the online VMware Hardware Compatibility List at

<http://www.vmware.com/resources/compatibility/search.>

#### **About Open-E**

Open-E, Inc. is a pioneering leader and developer of IP-based storage management software with headquarters in the United States and Europe. Our Storage Management Software is aimed at the SMB and SME markets and enjoys a reputation for best-in-class performance, flexibility, reliability, scalability and return-on-investment. The new Open-E DSS V6 product line provides a storage management solution that can be used by any company.

Open-E delivers its software exclusively through a world-wide network of experienced system integrators and reseller partners. With an extensive network of over 600 registered OEMs, distributors and reseller partners, including over 200 Open-E certified partners, our customers have the flexibility to work with the hardware solution provider of their choice, allowing Open-E to focus on its core competence of storage software development.

With over 13,000 installations in over 90 countries, Open-E data storage solutions are used also by Fortune 500 customers world-wide.

For further information about Open-E, its products and partners, visit [www.open-e.com](http://www.open-e.com).

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