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**OPEN-E AND EQUUS, WORLD'S LARGEST SYSTEM BUILDER FORM
PARTNERSHIP TO FUEL DEMAND FOR IP STORAGE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS**

***SHARED VISION FOR UNIFIED FILE AND BLOCK MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE TO DRIVE
NEW GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH COMPANIES***

Storage Networking World, Dallas, TX – Oct. 14, 2008 – Open-E, Inc., a leading provider of unified file and block management software solutions, announced today that its premiere Open-E Data Storage Server (DSS™) IP storage operating system will be available through a strategic partnership with Equus Computer Systems, the world's largest system builder to the channel.

Open-E's high-in-demand, enterprise-class storage software solution will boost the Equus product offering adding enhanced capabilities for data protection, seamless SAN/NAS migration and disaster recovery. Open-E has more than 8,000 customers worldwide and with Open-E's strong international and U.S. technology partners, Equus will now be able to leverage the company's extensive experience and proven solution to provide market leading IP products.

"Equus is an excellent partner for organizations who are looking to expand their use of IP storage management solutions to a wider variety of business applications," said Krzysztof Franek, CEO of Open-E. "Performance and capacity are reaching enterprise-class levels and we are seeing a real influx in both mid-size and large scale deployments for our solutions. The combination of Equus storage systems and Open-E's data storage software offering gives customers more choices for heterogeneous environments where price and performance are driving factors."

The Open-E DSS is a unified file and block storage management software solution, combining full NAS and iSCSI SAN functionality for centralized IP storage. Open-E DSS is a powerful enabler for storage consolidation and is an effective alternative for enterprises to consolidate server virtualization resources, providing a dramatic improvement in cost of ownership.

Users can cost-effectively and quickly add storage to an existing network, consolidate storage and backups for multiple servers, as well as centralize storage management through the Open-E DSS solution. With enterprise level innovations at competitive prices, Open-E's DSS will also allow Equus' customer base to provide snapshot capabilities, backup and recovery, virtualization and volume replication – all with virtually any hardware connectivity.

Equus has incorporated the Open-E DDS storage management system into its Nobilis 3016-SAN/NAS units. The product is highly scalable and can be configured as a SAN

and/ or NAS device with the choice of SAS or SATA hard drives. The combined solution is perfect for storage consolidation, backup and replication, virtualization and file sharing applications. Pricing starts at \$5000 for a 4 TB 3016-SAN/NAS solution.

“The Open-E product is unprecedented in the IP storage market offering the very best in price/performance and ease of use in a unified solution,” said Equus Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Joe Toste. “Our combined solution is extremely disruptive from a price/performance perspective and has the promise to change the dynamics of the IP storage market.”

About Open-E Data Storage Server (DSS)

Open-E Data Storage Server (DSS) is a unified file and block storage management software that provides a fast, reliable, and scalable solution for IP storage management. Open-E DSS offers enterprise functionality, enhanced manageability, superior reliability and increased productivity for applications ranging from file sharing, storage consolidation, backup and recovery, virtualization and disaster recovery.

Open-E DSS is built on the company’s industry recognized NAS/SAN software technology which is noted for its performance, superior security, robust operation and easy-to-use management advantages. With Open-E DSS, users can cost-effectively and quickly add storage to an existing network, consolidate storage and backups for multiple servers, centralize storage management with optimal performance and data protection, and improve data availability and efficiency. Additionally, Open-E DSS is a full, independent OS and does not require the installation of Linux, Windows or any other OS and can be up and running in minutes.

The solution supports a wide variety of hardware RAID platforms from the industry’s leading names, as well as multiple types of connectivity. The versatility of the Open-E DSS also allows users to combine NAS systems with iSCSI SAN systems, and provides built-in virus protection, while enabling the connection of multiple Network Interface Controllers, including Gigabit Ethernet, 10 Gigabit Ethernet, Fibre Channel and InfiniBand.

About Equus

Equus Computer Systems is the largest whitebox system builder to the Channel. For 20 years Equus has experienced progressive, profitable growth and focused all its efforts dedicated to the VAR, ISV and OEM Channel partners. Equus operates 12 regional offices providing national reach with local touch. Equus is a 100 percent employee owned company (ESOP).

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. Open-E’s DSS, NAS-R3 and iSCSI-R3 product lines, built from the ground up for the SMB and SME markets with scalability to the enterprise, enjoy a multi-national reputation for best-in-class performance, flexibility, reliability, scalability and return-on-investment.

Open-E delivers its software exclusively through a world-wide network of experienced system integrator and reseller partners. With an extensive network of over 600 registered OEMs, distributors and reseller partners, including over 200 Open-E certified

partners, organizations have the flexibility to work with the hardware solution provider of their choosing, allowing Open-E to focus on its core competency of storage software development.

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