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OPEN-E RELEASES DATA STORAGE SERVER FOR VMWARE ESX 3.5

Boston, MA – September 30, 2008 – Open-E, Inc., a leading provider of unified IP storage management software and VMware Technology Alliance Partner (TAP) program member, today announced general availability of Data Storage Server (DSS™) for VMware ESX 3.5. VMware provides TAP program members with tools to develop products that are complementary to VMware virtualization software and help deliver high-value solutions to joint customers. Data Storage Server for VMware ESX 3.5 will provide mutual customers with enhanced capabilities for consolidating storage environments.

“DSS effectively leverages VMware virtualization to solve storage management challenges in virtualized server environments, enabling customers to consolidate storage resources,” said Bernie Mills, senior director, alliances programs at VMware. “We are pleased that Open-E is helping to deliver added value to customers with innovative technology combined with the significant business benefits of VMware virtualization, including lower capital and operating expenses, business continuity, strengthened security and reduced energy consumption.”

“This alliance with VMware validates DSS for consolidation of storage resources in a virtual infrastructure to support more comprehensive data protection,” said Krzysztof Franek, CEO of Open-E. “Our combined solution allows datacenters to provision their storage easily and cost-effectively. It also provides for enhanced functionality with built-in data protection; virtualization; backup and recovery; and volume replication for disaster recovery – all with any-to-any connectivity.”

With more than 800 members worldwide, the VMware TAP program works with best-of-breed technology partners to provide them with a comprehensive set of VMware technical and marketing services, support, tools and expertise to deliver enhanced value to joint customers.

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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