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CHELSIO AND OPEN-E QUALIFY JOINT STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Combined Solution Offers Sophisticated Enterprise-Grade Storage Services While Doubling The I/O Performance of Fibre Channel

Sunnyvale, CA and Munich, Germany – March 3, 2006 – Chelsio Communications Inc., the leading provider of iSCSI acceleration adapter and ASIC solutions, and Open-E GmbH a leading developer of add-on storage software modules that turns industry-standard servers into storage appliances, today announced an optimized combination of their solutions for delivering high performance enterprise-grade data management.

Customers leveraging Open-E Enterprise Edition NAS and iSCSI software with Chelsio T204 quad-port GbE and T210 10GbE adapters can implement the highest performance IP San and NAS networks operating at speeds that are two times faster than Fibre Channel.

“Open-E recognizes the real world business advantages of using 10GbE iSCSI,” said Krzysztof Franek, managing director, Open-E. “Leveraging Chelsio’s GbE and 10GbE TOE/iSCSI adapter and iSCSI target stack solutions with Open-E Enterprise Edition NAS and iSCSI software provides our mutual customers with new levels of performance that can reduce the overall complexities and costs associated with a dynamic storage environment.”

Open-E NAS and iSCSI software applications are modules with a built-in, fully configured Linux-based operating system. The module plugs into a standard server motherboard and turns the server on, automatically installing the operating system and handling configuration.



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“We are pleased to be able to offer customers a solution based on our collaborative effort with Open-E,” said Kianoosh Naghshineh, president and CEO of Chelsio. “This combination provides a lower total cost of ownership relative to InfiniBand and Fibre Channel fabrics while delivering a full feature set. The high transaction rate made possible by TOE technology will be attractive to customers seeking to bring exceptional performance to their storage environments and is poised to accelerate iSCSI and TOE adoption in the enterprise data center.”

The combined Open-E and Chelsio storage solution will be available for storage OEMs, storage solution integrators, storage VARs and end users starting in Q2 2006.



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The Open-E NAS and iSCSI software leveraging Chelsio’s GbE and 10GbE TOE/iSCSI adapter will be presented for the first time at the CeBIT fair in Hannover, Germany from March 9-15, 2006. Open-E will be at CeBIT in Hall 1, Stand F81.

About Open-E GmbH

Open-E GmbH in Puchheim near Munich is a software company that focuses on developing storage software that allows system integrators to set up high-performance but easy-to-use storage systems that require no special knowledge to install and are fully compatible with leading operating systems and iSCSI initiators. Open-E GmbH distributes its products through a worldwide network of partners who are already established on the storage and networking market. More information about Open-E and Open-E products is available at www.open-e.com.

About Chelsio Communications

Chelsio Communications is leading the convergence of networking, storage and clustering interconnects with its robust, high-performance and proven protocol acceleration technology. Featuring a highly scalable and programmable architecture, Chelsio is shipping 10-Gigabit Ethernet and multi-port Gigabit Ethernet adapter cards with protocol offload, delivering the low latency and superior throughput required for high-performance computing applications. More than 100 customers in 20 countries are using Chelsio products in a multitude of applications including high-performance cluster computing, server networking, network monitoring, digital media storage, video editing



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