



## **Adaptec Series 5 Unified Serial Raid Controllers Receive VMware Certification**

### **AppLabs Certification Ensures Customers Can Take Advantage of Adaptec RAID Performance, Design Flexibility and Scalability Within a Virtualized Storage Environment**

MILPITAS, Calif., April 17, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Adaptec, Inc., (Nasdaq: ADPT), a global leader in storage solutions, today announced that all seven products in the Adaptec Series 5 Unified Serial (SATA/SAS) Controllers have been certified with VMware ESX Server 3.02 and 3.5 through AppLabs, the world's largest independent testing, quality management and certification solutions company. This certification ensures that system integrators and IT professionals can deliver the unmatched performance and scalability of Adaptec Series 5 RAID controllers combined with the features available with VMware Server ESX 3.02 and 3.5, such as expanded storage options and SATA support. As virtualized storage environments, like those offered through VMware, continue to grow within enterprise IT infrastructures, Adaptec RAID controllers are positioned to deliver industry leading I/O performance, along with scalability and reliability, within this expanding market.

Built on the breakthrough Adaptec Unified Serial Architecture, the Adaptec RAID Series 5 family's unique design of up to 28 ports -- 24 internal and 4 external -- allows enterprise data storage solutions to take advantage of low-cost SATA environments while delivering SAS performance and reliability. The Adaptec Series 5 multi-port design delivers tremendous design flexibility to Adaptec customers. It allows system integrators and OEMs to create tiered storage environments that ensure massive scalability while simultaneously simplifying the development and validation process. It allows system resellers to easily sell-up or sell-down by tailoring storage solutions based on individual application requirements. And, it enables enterprise customers to "future-proof" today's system expenditures with the knowledge that as data capacity demands grow, additional storage hardware can be effortlessly added or swapped.

"The Series 5 controller certification with the VMware ESX 3.x platform further demonstrates our commitment to work closely with key software and hardware storage ecosystem partners," said Suresh Panikar, director, Worldwide Marketing, Adaptec. "Virtualization is a growing environment that many of our customers are evaluating. Gaining certification through AppLabs, a highly-respected testing and certification solutions company, ensures customers that they can continue to utilize our proven RAID controllers with the confidence that they will deliver the same high performance, scalability and design flexibility with a leader in the virtualization market."

"AppLabs' VMware certification program is only available to select VMware technology partners, and Adaptec Series 5 controllers were one of the first I/O devices certified through this program," said Doc Parghi, senior vice president, Sales, AppLabs. "System integrators and IT professionals can now deploy Adaptec Series 5 RAID controllers with full confidence in their VMware ESX Server 3.x environments."

Adaptec currently offers the industry's most complete line of multi-port Unified Serial RAID controllers that support both SATA and SAS disk drives and offer connectivity to both the PCIe and PCI-X interconnect. The Adaptec Series 5 family of products that are VMware certified include seven RAID controllers, ranging from 4-port to 28-port, all with advanced RAID features. For more information, please visit <http://www.adaptec.com> or call 1-800-442-7274.

#### About Adaptec

Adaptec, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADPT) provides trusted storage solutions that reliably move, manage, and protect critical data and digital content. Adaptec's software and hardware-based solutions are delivered through leading Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and channel partners to provide storage connectivity, data protection, and networked storage to enterprises, government organizations, medium and small businesses worldwide. More information is available at <http://www.adaptec.com>.

#### About AppLabs:

AppLabs is the world's largest independent testing, quality management and certification solutions company. With over a decade of experience, AppLabs has become a trusted partner to more than 600 companies, providing both quality assurance and third-party validation. Customers include American Airlines, Royal Bank of Scotland, VISA, HP, Novell and SAP. AppLabs goes beyond technical expertise when it comes to IT services and offers customers rigorous risk mitigation processes, a singular focus on quality, expert project management, communication and global delivery capabilities. It is the first software testing company to get appraised at SEI CMMI Level 5, the highest quality standard attainable in software engineering. Headquartered in Philadelphia, the company maintains advanced testing facilities in the US, India and Europe. For more

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