



Dot Hill Teams with Phoenix International Systems to Support Military Ground and Air Surveillance Superiority

Dot Hill 3000 Series RAID Technology Integrated with Phoenix International's Ruggedized Storage Solutions for JSTARS and AWACS Programs

LONGMONT, Colo., Sept. 21, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Dot Hill Systems Corp. (Nasdaq: HILL), a leading provider of Unified Virtual Storage and SAN storage solutions, today announced it has entered into an OEM agreement with Phoenix International Systems, a manufacturer of rugged commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) data storage systems for military, aerospace, telecommunications, utilities and process control industries.

Under the terms of the agreement, Dot Hill's 3000 Series RAID controller technology will be integrated with Phoenix International's storage solutions and deployed in Northrop Grumman's Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) program and Boeing's Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) platform.

An incumbent supplier to the JSTARS program, Phoenix International will be using Dot Hill 8Gb Fibre Channel RAID controller technology to deliver improved storage management and performance in support of its long-range, air-to-ground surveillance system, designed to locate, classify and track ground targets in all-weather conditions. While flying in friendly airspace, the joint Army-Air Force program can look deep behind hostile borders to detect and track ground movements in both forward and rear areas. JSTARS tracks ground vehicles and some aircraft, collects imagery, and relays tactical pictures to ground and air theater commanders.

In addition to ground surveillance, Phoenix International has begun supporting a similar program in the skies through Boeing's AWACS platform. AWACS provides surveillance, command-and-control, and communications functions for tactical and defensive missions. In service since 1977, it is used by the U.S. Air Force, NATO, the United Kingdom, France, and Saudi Arabia.

"Dot Hill's rock-solid 3000 Series RAID controller technology has proven to be a perfect fit for our storage solutions and the company has proven to be a valuable go-to-market partner for us in the defense industry," said Amos Deacon III, president, Phoenix International. "Dot Hill technology is field proven in a variety of ruggedized storage applications and the Dot Hill 3000 Series' 8Gb Fibre Channel and 6Gb SAS interfaces deliver the bandwidth and performance we need for today's sophisticated JSTARS and AWACS storage environments."

"Our agreement with Phoenix International is the latest validation of Dot Hill's capabilities in ruggedized storage for military applications," said Inese Lanka, senior director of sales - North America, for the federal sector at Dot Hill Systems. "With more than 18 years of experience designing ruggedized COTS storage systems, Phoenix International is widely respected in the defense industry. We believe that our newly expanded relationship holds great promise for both companies to expand our reach in the military IT marketplace."

Dot Hill — A Trusted Partner for Government and Defense Applications

Over the past twenty years, Dot Hill has led the industry in developing high-quality, commercial and military grade storage products supporting the mission-critical applications of government customers worldwide. Dot Hill's dedicated government and defense team has the experience necessary to quickly understand the unique and complex needs of government and defense environments. With a rapid product development pace, and a unique architecture, Dot Hill provides unparalleled modularity and flexibility to meet customer needs.

Dot Hill provides iSCSI and Fibre Channel storage solutions featuring NEBS Level 3 and MIL SPEC 810F/G compliance and certifications to meet the most rugged requirements. The company's storage arrays are used extensively for mobile C4ISR centers, ground stations, deployable command centers and video archives where scalability, reliability, and redundancy are essential. Dot Hill storage systems support interchangeable SAS, SATA and solid state drives (SSDs).

About Dot Hill

Leveraging its proprietary Assured family of storage solutions, Dot Hill solves many of today's most challenging storage problems — helping IT to improve performance, increase availability, simplify operations, and reduce costs. Dot Hill's solutions

combine breakthrough virtualization software with the industry's most flexible and extensive hardware platform and automated management to deliver best-in-class unified virtual storage and SAN solutions. Headquartered in Longmont, Colo., Dot Hill has offices and/or representatives in China, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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