



Hammer and Dot Hill Announce Distribution Agreement and Immediate Availability of 2U 2.5-inch Fibre Channel to SAS/SATA/SSD External RAID System

CARLSBAD, Calif., March 12, 2009 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- CARLSBAD, Calif., March 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Dot Hill Systems Corp. (Nasdaq: HILL), and dedicated storage distributor, Hammer, have announced immediate availability of the industry-first 2U Fibre Channel to SAS/SATA/SSD external RAID system, the 2722; and imminent availability of the complementary SAS host interface 2522, from leading storage manufacturer Dot Hill Systems, to be distributed in the deal which is Europe-wide.

Market Opportunities

The wide range of business and mission-critical applications, such as databases, video streaming, email, defense, telecommunications, and mobile storage applications, which 3.5" based RAID systems currently serve, will gain from the 34% power savings, efficient space utilization and performance increase which the new system has to offer.

Targeted also at mainstream high-performance IT, emerging growth and mission-critical enterprise markets, the 2722 and 2522 will furthermore benefit those markets that demand high performance in either input/output operations per second (IOPS) or MB/s throughput.

"These first-to-market additions to our solutions portfolio pave the way as the next generation in compact, high performance RAID storage solutions that will provide customers with significant performance improvements while reducing overall operating costs. With the introduction of SSD support, Dot Hill are further extending their reach into newer markets where extremely high IOPS performance and high availability are essential," said Hammer's solutions manager, Paul Hickingbotham.

Enhanced benefits

The 2722 Fibre Channel (4Gb FC) and 2522 Serial Attached SCSI (3Gb SAS) arrays feature intelligent, fully redundant enterprise-class controllers, with optional support for Dot Hill's AssuredSnap(TM) snapshot and AssuredCopy(TM) volume copy data protection software modules. In addition, a 2U, 24-bay 2122 SAS JBOD unit is available to facilitate expansion of the 2722 or 2522 arrays.

Featuring a variety of 2.5" drive options (10,000 or 15,000 RPM SAS, 5,400 RPM SATA and SATA-compatible SSD drives), these systems will support a maximum of 96 SAS drives for a total capacity of 28.8TB based on the newest 300GB SAS drives. An existing Dot Hill 2U, 12-drive 3.5" SAS expansion chassis with SAS, SATA or SSD drives can also be intermixed with the 2722 and 2522 arrays to accommodate both the performance and capacity requirements of demanding applications within the same storage pool or in tiered storage deployment, supporting configurations of up to 79.2TB.

Utilizing SAS drives, both products have measured performance of up to 230,000 IOPS, a 130% performance increase as compared to prior generation 2U, 3.5" equivalent capacities. With the use of 80%-plus efficient power supplies, the new arrays represent as much as a 34% power savings over 2U, 12-drive arrays of equivalent 3.5" spindle counts, greatly enhancing the green aspects of the design.

About Hammer plc

One of the longest-standing specialist storage distributors in the UK, Hammer remains today one of the few to focus solely on the data storage market. As a result of this single-minded approach, its technical knowledge and commitment to customer service are second to none in providing data storage solutions for businesses of all sizes. Hammer develops storage solutions for all markets based on a 100% channel strategy. It has developed specific expertise in a number of key sectors, including the public sector (in particular, healthcare and education), professional services, broadcast, audio/video, CCTV/security and manufacturing. Hammer intends to build on its established position as a leading storage distributor based on technical expertise and service quality with the goal of providing "real solutions via workable, integrated systems and a personal, professional approach." Visit: <http://www.hammerplc.com>

About Dot Hill

Delivering innovative technology and global support, Dot Hill empowers the OEM community to bring unique storage solutions to market, quickly, easily and cost-effectively. Offering high performance and industry-leading uptime, Dot Hill's RAID

technology is the foundation for best-in-class storage solutions offering enterprise-class security, availability and data protection. The company's products are in use today by the world's leading service and equipment providers, common carriers, advanced technology and telecommunications companies as well as government agencies. Dot Hill solutions are certified to meet rigorous industry standards and military specifications, as well as RoHS and WEEE international environmental standards. Headquartered in Carlsbad, Calif., Dot Hill has offices and/or representatives in China, Germany, Japan, United Kingdom and the United States.

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