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DCIG RECOGNIZES GRIDSTORE'S SCALE-OUT NAS AS A GAME-CHANGING STORAGE SOLUTION FOR THE SMB AT A FRACTION OF THE COST OF TRADITIONAL NAS

Research Firm Identifies Next-Generation Scale-Out NAS System Breaks Traditional Storage Array Models to Deliver Enterprise Class Availability, Performance and Scalability

Mountain View, Calif. – September 27, 2011 – Gridstore™, the leader in scale-out NAS solutions for the SMB market, today announced that DCIG, a leading storage-focused research firm, has recently recognized the Gridstore Scale-out NAS solution as a game-changing storage system for the small to mid-sized business (SMB). It identifies the Gridstore offering as one that uniquely offers an attractive entry-level price point without requiring SMBs to sacrifice availability, performance or scalability.

The DCIG analysis, *"In Storage Systems Under \$5000 There IS a Difference,"* written by Jerome Wendt, highlights how SMBs have been living with the limitations in their storage arrays for years. DCIG's research has shown that storage arrays are commonly limited by having only one storage controller which impacts availability in the event of an outage or disruption. The firm also points out that traditional storage arrays for the SMB limit a company's ability to scale because they only offer a fixed amount of storage capacity.

"The Gridstore Scale-out NAS solution changes this model," said Wendt. "Like these other storage arrays, the Gridstore systems lists at under \$5,000 so it is affordable. However it does not force SMBs to sacrifice the other characteristics that they want their storage solutions to possess (availability, performance or scalability) just so they can implement a storage solution that fits within their budget."

DCIG points out that to achieve high availability, performance and scalability without high cost, Gridstore solutions feature a "virtual controller." This software-based solution enables parallel I/O from a number of virtual controllers (up to 100 or more) while simultaneously enabling the

solution to scale in capacity, bandwidth and processing power simply by adding more storage nodes.

“SMBs today are faced with more demands than ever to maintain information availability along with high performance and the flexibility to grow dynamically as business demands change,” said Kelly Murphy, CEO, Gridstore. “The DCIG analysis underscores our view that SMBs shouldn’t have to compromise when it comes to their data storage needs. We deliver a building block approach to storage that offers enterprise-class performance, reliability and scalability– at an affordable price.”

To view the DCIG analysis, please visit: <http://sponsored.d cig.com/2011/09/in-storage-systems-under-5000.html>

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About Gridstore

Gridstore is the innovation leader in scale-out Network Attached Storage (NAS) products. The Gridstore NASg solution provides unlimited storage capacity and reliability at a fraction of the cost of traditional storage solutions. NASg is designed for small-to-mid-sized businesses and Managed Service Providers who struggle with the risk, cost and complexity of storage sprawl and who need enterprise class storage without the cost and complexity. Founded in 2007, Gridstore is headquartered in Mountain View, Calif. and has development facilities in Dublin, Ireland. For more information, please visit: <http://www.gridstore.com>.

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