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## STORAGE SWITZERLAND 90-DAY TEST DRIVE IDENTIFIES GRIDSTORE 2.0 AS THE EASIEST SCALE-OUT NAS SOLUTION THEY'VE TESTED

*Hands-On Review Demonstrates that the Gridstore Scale-Out NAS Solution Succeeds in Installation, Expansion and Harnessing Multiple File Servers into a Single Powerful Storage Grid*

**Mountain View, Calif. – November 2, 2011** – Gridstore™, the leader in scale-out NAS solutions, today announced that its Gridstore 2.0 solution has received top marks in a three-month “test drive” by analyst firm Storage Switzerland as the easiest scale-out NAS implementation they have tested. In the hands-on review, “*Storage Switzerland Drives SME Scale Out NAS – Initial Set Up of Gridstore 2.0*,” Storage Switzerland’s senior analyst, George Crump, focuses on all aspects of the Gridstore Scale-out NAS out-of-the box experience including installation, expansion, and consolidation of multiple file servers into a single storage grid.

Gridstore’s Scale-out NAS solution has stood up to months of rigorous performance and reliability testing by Storage Switzerland with absolutely no issues or outages. In the past, the analyst firm has tested other NAS systems without proper power shutdown and found that they inexplicably reboot, turn themselves off or just drop their network connection. However, Gridstore excelled at the challenge by continuing to run no matter what torture testing was done to it.

“What makes Gridstore unique is its combination of a grid architecture with virtualization to eliminate the need for clusters,” said Crump. “This allows them to take advantage of parallel processing and I/O which should significantly improve throughput. Having been involved in several scale-out implementations, this is the easiest that I have seen thus far. We had the systems from box to accepting data in less than 30 minutes.”

In the report from Storage Switzerland, they found that Gridstore's next-generation NAS solution significantly reduces cost and complexity while delivering on the promise of harnessing multiple file servers into a single, powerful storage grid.

"Gridstore's Scale-out NAS solution eliminates the heavy upfront cost of buying an enterprise NAS platform while still providing organizations, no matter how small or large, enterprise-class performance and fault tolerance of a true scale-out NAS – eliminating single points of failure, complexity and cost of multiple devices," said Kelly Murphy, CEO, Gridstore. "And, as Storage Switzerland has validated in their test drive evaluation, implementation can be completed in as little as a half an hour with reliability that exceeds other vendors tested."

Gridstore Scale-out NAS storage solutions offload storage processing onto an unlimited number of Virtual Storage Controllers running in client side machines. This enables very simple low cost storage nodes to be used in parallel while generating exceptional performance, scaling and reliability that goes beyond any product in its class.

"Gridstore's NAS provides a simple, scale-out file storage solution with surprising performance and an even more surprising price point," said Crump. "The Gridstore system continues to impress. It has been reliable, performs very well and has been easy to use and expand."

The Storage Switzerland report includes video of the lab's installation of the management software and system configuration. To view the complete Storage Switzerland report visit: <http://cl.ly/181A3t09260c1c0X1J2I>

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### **About Gridstore**

Gridstore is the leader in scale-out Network Attached Storage (NAS) products. The Gridstore Scale-out NAS solution uniquely combines virtualization with a grid processing platform to deliver a single pool of storage that simplifies management while increasing performance, scaling and reliability. The Gridstore system is designed for organizations 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:  
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