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1stDesign™ Announces IntelliRaid™ FC-XPRS Storage

--New superior performance scalable storage featuring up to 64 SATA2 drives to be unveiled at NAB 2007 at booth number SL7427--

SOMERVILLE, MASS. (April 16th, 2006) —1stDesign™, a division of 1 Beyond, Inc., today announced the new groundbreaking IntelliRaid™ FC-XPRS (**F**ibre **C**hannel, **e**Xtreme **P**erformance **R**eliability and **S**calability) enterprise-level storage system designed specifically for the video market for both PCs and Macs. Featuring scalability up to 64 SATA2 drives with RAID 6 protection and single or dual controllers with dual 4 Gigabit Fibre Channel ports each, this latest addition to the IntelliRaid family of systems is designed to offer video professionals a fully scalable high-performance storage system with unprecedented levels of protection against disk failure, making it ideal for high-demand environments such as 24/7 production operations.

Priced starting at just \$16,995, IntelliRaid FC-XPRS offers a level of performance unsurpassed in its price range. Available immediately, the IntelliRaid FC-XPRS will be demonstrated for the first time at NAB 2007 at booth number SL7427.

The 1stDesign IntelliRaid FC-XPRS system is fully configurable and is available with either a single or dual controllers. Each controller features two 4Gb Fibre Channel ports supporting 1, 2, 3 or 4 16-disk arrays with up to 64 SATA2 disk drives for 48 TBs, offering sustained data rate of over 1.2 GB per second. The initial disk array with the controllers can be scaled by cascading up to 3 additional 16-disk JBOD arrays, thereby avoiding the expense of additional controllers or Fibre Channel port connections.

Thanks to a unique parallel processing RAID 6 accelerator, the IntelliRaid™ FC-XPRS offers higher data throughput performance than most controllers running

unprotected RAID 0 (over 1.2 GB/s sustained data rate) and twice as much protection as RAID 3 or 5 systems. In addition, redundant RAID control modules, power supplies and cooling modules design secure “No Single Point Failure”. Active-active dual controller architecture, hot swappable hard disk, and dual SAS path and SATA2 path with Interposer card provide the IntelliRaid FC-XPRS system’s high reliability to achieve 24 x 7 availability.

Like other members of the IntelliRaid family, setup, interrogation and error reporting of IntelliRaid FC-XPRS are designed to be clear and easy to use. A totally turnkey solution, it is easily installed thanks to an easy to use Graphical User Interface or a built-in LCD read out. In addition, trouble-shooting has been simplified as IntelliRaid sends users clear messages and instructions in plain English.

To further simplify monitoring and trouble shooting, the IntelliRaid controller can automatically inform users and / or their IT department of important status changes by email. When notification is received, users can interrogate the status of IntelliRaid remotely from any computer on the network or even remotely from off site locations.

IntelliRaid can be used with various Operating Systems and SAN software on Mac or PC. It is also available with award winning 1stDesign Harmony™ SAN and LAN turnkey including all hardware and software. Harmony can be used with a combination of Macs and PCs running various editing and compositing applications including Avid, Adobe, Sony, Canopus, Apple, Autodesk and others.

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About 1st Design

1st Design is the storage division of 1 Beyond, Inc., a leading manufacturer of professional PC-based video editing, compositing and storage systems available at a fraction of the cost of traditional high-end systems. This value leadership is due to constant technical innovation, including 10 years of industry firsts. With a decade’s experience developing unique storage solutions for the video industry at all levels, 1 Beyond created the 1stDesign division to focus exclusively on storage technology sold through a video reseller channel. For more information call 877-663-2396 or visit www.1stdesign.com.

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