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**Storage Bridge Bay Working Group Issues Specification,
Adds IBM, NetApp and Xyratex to Board of Directors**

SBB standard for storage controller physical, electrical and enclosure characteristics now approved and available to storage vendors and customers

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., September 25, 2006 — The Storage Bridge Bay Working Group (SBB) today announced the completion and public availability of the SBB 1.0 Specification that standardizes the physical, electrical, and enclosure management characteristics of the slots and canisters that hold the intelligence of storage enclosures. The SBB also announced the addition of IBM, NetApp and Xyratex to its board of directors, joining founding board members Dell, EMC, Intel and LSI Logic.

“The creation of this specification by the SBB is an essential step to make advanced storage capabilities available across a wide selection of storage solutions,” said Steve Duplessie, founder and senior analyst at Enterprise Strategy Group. “The specification will help extend the availability of advanced technologies that were previously only seen in enterprise-class systems.”

The SBB specification is a reference and guideline for storage vendors and suppliers that desire bridge bay compatibility between their storage solutions. The specification defines mechanical, electrical and low-level enclosure management interfaces for a controller slot or “bridge bay” within a storage enclosure, which has the ability to accommodate a variety of bridge/controller cards from diverse hardware vendors. A storage bridge/controller card design based on the SBB specification is capable of operating within a storage enclosure with slot designs based on the same specification and supporting the same specification options.

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The newly available specification is designed to benefit customers by helping decrease costs and providing earlier access to new storage technology. The specification is available for download at <http://www.sbbwg.org>.

At the same time as announcing the specification, SBB is also adding IBM, NetApp and Xyratex to its board of directors.

“The addition of IBM, NetApp and Xyratex to the board of directors indicates how the industry’s leaders and innovators are willing to cooperate to support the SBB Specification,” said Bill Dawkins, chairman of the SBB Working Group. “This cooperation will lead to standardized storage products that reach the marketplace faster, benefiting storage system buyers at all levels.”

The SBB Working Group is also supported by contributor members including: Accusys, Adaptec, AIC, AMCC, Aristos Logic, Astute Networks, Celestica Inc., Digi-Data, Dot Hill, Emulex, Infortrend, iStor Networks, Inc., Mellanox, Mitac, NEC, Neterion, Newisys, PMC-Sierra, Quanta, Rasilient, Seagate, Sierra Logic, USI, and Wistron Corporation.

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The SBB Working Group is a cooperative, non-profit organization comprised of a range of IT leaders representing the storage industry. The SBB working group is focused on expanding membership and invites other companies to participate. To learn more about the SBB working group, visit www.sbbwg.org.

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