



## **HP and STEC Break New Ground with Bold Deployment of Enterprise Solid State Drive Technology**

### *HP Leverages STEC SSDs in Multiple Product Lines Spanning XP to EVA*

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 31, 2009 – HP and STEC, Inc. (Nasdaq: STEC), today announced that HP has designed STEC's high-end enterprise-class SSDs into numerous systems, creating optimized systems which deliver unprecedented performance and exploit the advantages of virtualization functionality.

"STEC possesses extensive enterprise-level SSD design and product expertise and is a one-stop shop for enterprise-class SSD," said Bob Wilson, VP of HP's Storage Platforms Division. "STEC has vast knowledge and technology in the realm of high performance and high reliability SSD, which are the defining characteristics of our storage platforms. We've worked closely with STEC over recent years and are pleased to introduce the results of our collaboration."

"This partnership with HP is the result of extensive collaboration. Through closely coordinated design collaboration, STEC has optimized a range of products to meet the unique needs of HP," said Manouch Moshayedi, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of STEC. "We are proud to have this close relationship with HP and look forward to many years of continuous collaboration on future innovations in SSD."

To adequately support the enterprise, an SSD manufacturer must be a broad line supplier with the right mix of technology, infrastructure, quality and cost. "STEC possesses fundamental IP and has demonstrated technology leadership in the areas of performance and reliability which enable solid state storage in the enterprise," said Wilson, of HP

For more information regarding this announcement and more, visit the company's web site at [www.stec-inc.com](http://www.stec-inc.com)

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#### **About STEC**

STEC, Inc., with headquarters in Santa Ana, California and offices around the globe, designs, manufactures and markets high performance storage solutions. The company's product portfolio includes the industry's broadest SSD offerings. For more information, visit the company's web site at [www.stec-inc.com](http://www.stec-inc.com)

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