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STEC to Deliver Keynote, Panel Presentations at Flash Memory Summit 2012
Company to Share SSD Expertise, Showcase Innovative Solutions

SANTA ANA, Calif., USA – **August 20, 2012** – STEC, Inc. (NASDAQ: STEC), a leading global provider of solid-state drive (SSD) technologies and products, announced its compelling lineup of speaker engagements at Flash Memory Summit 2012, taking place August 21-23 at the Santa Clara Convention Center, in Santa Clara, Calif. STEC technical experts will share their SSD expertise through a range of keynote and panel presentations focused on the advancements, trends and market dynamics of SSDs used in enterprise storage.

As part of the conference's keynote agenda, Scott Stetzer, vice president of technical marketing at STEC, will deliver a presentation on flash endurance in the data center on Thursday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. PT. The session, titled **Flash Wear: Will Your Data Still be There in the Morning?**, will explore the impact of smaller flash geometries on performance and endurance, and how vendors can overcome the technical challenges.

Furthermore, the company will be participating in a number of speaking sessions focused on how SSDs enable high-performance enterprise storage and accelerate data-intensive applications.

At booth #202, STEC also plans to showcase its broad array of SSD hardware and software solutions for enterprise storage.

Details of STEC Presentations

Session: "It Takes Guts to be Great"
Track: SSDs
Speaker: Sean Stead, Product Manager, SATA SSD
Date: Tuesday, August 21
Time: 8:30 – 9:40 a.m. PT

Session: "Cache to the Future"
Track: Enterprise Storage
Speaker: Sandeep Cariapa, Engineer/System Architect
Date: Wednesday, August 22
Time: 8:30 – 9:40 a.m. PT

Session: "Taking MLC to Extreme Endurance"
Track: Hardware
Speaker: Pablo Ziperovich, Vice President of Flash Channel Development
Date: Wednesday, August 22
Time: 8:30 – 9:40 a.m. PT

Session: "Getting the Most out of SSD: Sometimes Less Is More"
Track: Testing
Speaker: Bruce Moxon, Chief Solutions Architect, Systems and Software Group
Date: Wednesday, August 22
Time: 9:50 – 10:50 a.m. PT

Session: "Designing Storage Systems in the SSD Era"
Track: SSDs
Speaker: Sean Stead, Product Manager, SATA
Date: Wednesday, August 22
Time: 9:50 – 10:50 a.m. PT

Session: "More Than Ever, Less Really Is More"
Track: Embedded Systems
Speaker: Scott Phillips, Senior Product Manager, Embedded SSD Marketing
Date: Wednesday, August 22
Time: 3:10 – 4:15 p.m. PT

Session: "Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) Codes for Flash Channels"
Track: SSDs
Speaker: Xinde Hu, Flash Channel Architect
Date: Wednesday, August 22
Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. PT

Session: "Lies, Damn Lies and a Zillion IOPS"
Track: PCIe Storage
Speaker: Swapna Yasarapu, Product Marketing Director
Date: Thursday, August 23
Time: 8:30 – 9:40 a.m. PT

Session: "Clearing the SSD Jungle for Relational Databases"
Track: Enterprise Applications
Speaker: Gurinder Brar, Director, Systems Engineering/Database Architect
Date: Thursday, August 23
Time: 9:50 – 10:50 a.m. PT

Flash Memory Summit is the only conference dedicated entirely to flash memory and its applications. The conference features half-day tutorials, workshops, paper and panel sessions, keynotes, roundtables, special sessions, and exhibits. Subjects include hardware, software, design methods, consumer applications, embedded applications, computer and communications applications, alternative technologies, programming methods, testing, standards, and market research. Online registration to the event is at www.flashmemorysummit.com.

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STEC, Inc. is a leading global provider of enterprise-class solid-state drive (SSD) technologies and solutions tailored to meet the high-performance, high-reliability and high-endurance needs of today's data-intensive server and storage platforms. With headquarters in Santa Ana, California, and locations worldwide, STEC leverages almost two decades of solid-state knowledge and experience to design, manufacture and deliver the most comprehensive line of PCIe, SAS, SATA, and embedded SSDs on the market today. In addition, STEC's EnhanceIO™ SSD Cache Software enables IT managers to cost-effectively scale server application performance.

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