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QUALSTAR ANNOUNCES LTO 6 AVAILABILITY

XLS and RLS tape libraries now shipping with LTO 6 drives

SIMI VALLEY, Calif., November 8, 2012 — Qualstar Corporation (NASDAQ: QBAK), a manufacturer of data security and archive storage solutions and high efficiency power supplies today announced that all models of its RLS and XLS tape libraries are available for immediate shipment with LTO 6 drives. LTO 6 tape drives will also be released for upgrades to Qualstar's large installed base.

"This is great news for systems administrators battling to secure, protect and archive ever-growing masses of data, especially the explosion in unstructured "big data", said Larry Firestone, President and CEO of Qualstar Corporation. "This new generation of Ultrium LTO tape technology in combination with our proven rack mount and enterprise tape libraries deliver the most reliable and cost-effective data protection and archival storage solutions on the market."

LTO 6 delivers 2.5 terabytes native capacity per tape, and 6.25 terabytes per tape with typical data compression, increases of 66% and 200% respectively, over the current generation. The new drive's data transfer rate performance also grew, to 160 megabytes per second to keep pace with overall system requirements.

Qualstar's RLS Rack Mount Libraries expand from 50 tape slots to over 470 slots in a single 19-inch rack to now store over 2.9 petabytes of data. Qualstar's XLS Enterprise Libraries scale from 350 tape slots to more than 11,700 slots, yielding over 73 petabytes of storage using the new LTO 6 technology.

Qualstar will show LTO 6 drives its RLS and XLS Tape Libraries in booth 4251 at SC12, the IEEE's annual supercomputing conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Nov. 12 - 15, 2012.

Qualstar tape libraries are available through Authorized Resellers. Contact Qualstar, an Authorized Reseller or visit www.qualstar.com for more information.

About Qualstar Corporation

Qualstar, founded in 1984, is a diversified electronics manufacturer specializing in data storage and power supplies. The company's products are known throughout the world for high quality and Simply Reliable designs that provide years of trouble-free service. More information is available at www.qualstar.com or www.n2power.com, or by phone at 805-583-7744.

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