

Overland Announces Support for Quantum's DLT 8000; Full Automated Storage Product Line Compatible With New Drives

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(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 10, 1999--Overland Data Inc. (Nasdaq/NMS:OVRL), a technology leader in data storage and backup products, Monday announced that it has completed successful testing and integration of its full product line of tape automation solutions with Quantum Corp.'s (Nasdaq:QNTM) new DLT(a) 8000 drive technology.

Overland completed this comprehensive testing on its full line of storage automation solutions -- from the affordable automation enabled by the LoaderXpress(tm), to its new multi-terabyte EnterpriseXpress(tm) DLTtape(a) library -- to verify compatibility with DLT 8000 drives.

Steve Richardson, vice president of marketing at Overland, said the company will offer a DLT 8000 option as soon as the drives are generally available from Quantum, with Overland now positioned to be one of the first storage automation vendors to ship DLT 8000 solutions. Quantum, on April 27, 1999, announced OEM support for delivering next-generation tape automation solutions using its DLT 8000 technology.

Quantum's DLT 8000 drives provide a native capacity of 40 gigabytes and they are backward read and write compatible with DLT 4000 and DLT 7000 formats. The DLT 8000 drives will use the same DLT IV cartridge as DLT 7000 drives.

In addition to implementing DLT 8000 on new purchases of its libraries and loaders, Overland will also offer a DLT 8000 upgrade plan to the more than 10,000 worldwide users of its DLTtape-based automation products. Richardson said Overland will announce pricing when the new drives become available.

About Overland

Overland is a global supplier of storage automation solutions and related technologies designed to meet and surpass the critical requirements of high-availability network computing environments, from entry level to the enterprise.

The company is a recognized leader in technology innovation for such achievements as the award-winning DLT LibraryXpress SmartScale Storage(tm) architecture, which establishes new standards for intelligent automated storage and scalability, and the patented (No. 5,815,514) Variable Rate Randomizer (VR2(tm)) data-encoding technology, which can significantly increase the capacity and throughput of linear tape formats.

Overland has also earned a worldwide reputation for unmatched product quality and innovative warranty programs such as the Guaranteed Up Time Service (GUTS(tm)) Program, which dramatically reduce the total cost of ownership. The company's award-winning products meet the critical needs of end users, distributors and OEMs in industries worldwide.

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