Overland's AIT LibraryPro Certified Linux Compatible

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SAN DIEGO and PHOENIX--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 23, 2000--Overland Data, Inc. (NASDAQ:OVRL), a technology leader in tape backup products, and Enhanced Software Technologies, Inc. (EST) announced today that Overland's AIT(a) LibraryPro(TM) automated backup tape library is certified to run under Linux.

EST sponsors and administers the Linux Tape Device Certification Program.

"EST's Linux Tape Device Certification Program gives end users the quality assurance that the Overland product family demonstrated complete compatibility with the Linux Operating System," said Steve Richardson, vice president of marketing at Overland. "Our award-winning automated storage solutions offer the broadest possible range of interoperability and third-party support, extending our commitment to ease of use and installations for the largest variety of users."

"EST is providing a valuable service to the Linux community by creating the tape certification program," said Jon Hall, executive director of Linux International. "Their position as Linux backup experts gives them great insight in answering the question: what tape drives work with Linux? This is the program's benefit to Linux users."

The AIT LibraryPro, the first scalable AIT library, can be scaled up to nine modules for a maximum configuration of 8.55 terabytes native capacity (22.2 TB with compression) and throughput of 388 gigabytes per hour (1.0 TB/hr. with compression) using Sony AIT-2 drives. LibraryPro allows customers to scale the capacity and performance in modular increments for a customized solution to precisely match their specific storage needs, and combines the company's ultra-reliable Mainframe Class Robotics technology with the inherent advantages of Sony's AIT technology. Along with the unmatched scalability of the LibraryPro, Overland adds simplified media management with a tape cartridge magazine design to facilitate bulk cartridge installation and storage, as well as a convenient mail slot for individual tape insertion into the library.

About the Linux Tape Device Certification Program

Tape drive certification through the program entails the use of a static, open set of test procedures specialized for Linux that are application-independent. This process ensures that the testing is unbiased and that all devices are appraised on a level playing field.

Tape drive manufacturers are awarded the use of the "Linux Compatible" logo for each product certified. The logo can be used on manufacturers' marketing materials and serves as an indication that they support Linux.

"The acceptance of Linux is fostering a growing number of tape drive options to choose from," said Ted Cook, president of EST. "The certification program is designed to provide information to enhance tape drive purchase decisions and highlight those drive manufacturers committed to the Linux movement."

As part of the certification program, EST maintains a site at www.linuxtapecert.org, where the test results of the LibraryPro are posted. The test scripts are also available for download by end users to allow testing of their existing tape drives for Linux compatibility.

About Enhanced Software Technologies, Inc.

Enhanced Software Technologies, Inc., is located in Phoenix, Arizona, and is a subsidiary of Atipa Corporation based in Kansas City, Missouri. As the leading provider of Linux backup solutions, EST is fast becoming a major force in the backup software industry and is known for both product excellence and outstanding customer support. EST is the developer of BRU(TM) Backup & Restore Utility, the No. 1 award-winning backup solution for Linux systems. EST has been continuously developing BRU for the Unix market since 1985, and for Linux systems since 1994. EST is a corporate sponsor of Linux International (LI), the Linux Professional Institute (LPI), and is the sponsor of the Linux Tape Device Certification Program (www.linuxtapecert.org). EST also produces QuickStart Data Rescue(TM), the PC crash recovery utility that supports most x86 PC operating systems. Contact EST at 800/998-8649 or 602/470-1115, fax 602/470-1116, e-mail info@estinc.com, or visit the Web site http://www.estinc.com.

About Overland

Overland Data, Inc. (NASDAQ:OVRL) is a global supplier of innovative data storage and storage automation solutions for computer networks. The Company's award-winning DLT LibraryXpress(TM) SmartScale Storage(R) architecture has set the standard for intelligent automated storage and scalability, and established Overland as a leader in the mid-range tape storage market. Today, Overland is broadening its product line and technology offerings to address additional segments of the storage market, including the entry-level small-business market, as well as the higher-end enterprise environment. Overland's patented Variable Rate Randomizer (VR2(TM)) data encoding technology, capable of substantially increasing the capacity and throughput of linear tape formats, is being applied by the Company to its entry-level tape drive offerings. It has also been licensed to Imation Corp., Seagate Technology, StorageTek and Tandberg Data. Overland products, acclaimed for their quality and reliability, are sold worldwide through leading OEMs, including Compaq, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, Groupe Bull, IBM and NCR commercial distributors, such as Bell Microproducts, Ingram Micro and Tech Data Corp., as well as storage integrators and value-added resellers.

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