



## **Overland Partners With Chaparral to Deliver Industry's First 2-Gigabit Fibre Channel SAN Tape Library**

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SAN DIEGO, Jul 23, 2001 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Overland Data Inc. (Nasdaq:OVRL), together with Chaparral Network Storage Inc., today announced a strategic partnership to provide the industry's first native 2-Gigabit Fibre Channel SAN tape library.

Overland's LibraryXpress(TM) Neo Series(TM) extendable tape libraries incorporate Compact PCI (cPCI) option bays allowing for plug-and-play integration of the Chaparral developed 2-Gigabit Fibre Channel Option.

Overland's Fibre Channel Option for the Neo Series provides connectivity to Fibre Channel SANs and offers the latest SAN-enabled features including auto sensing of clock rates and fabric or loop topologies. Supporting a sustained data transfer rate of over 180 MB per second and nine concurrent Extended Copy commands per interface, the Fibre Channel Option gives users a new level of configurability and performance in a native Fibre Channel library.

Up to eight Fibre Channel Option cards can be installed into a fully configured multi-module Neo Series library rendering an unprecedented 5.2 TB per hour of sustained data rate, meeting the needs of current and future tape technologies.

"Chaparral's technology leadership in SAN functionality -- including serverless backup, advanced interconnectivity and extremely high data transfer performance -- enables us to work with companies like Overland to develop world-class products," said Greg Mangold, vice president of marketing, Chaparral Network Storage Inc. "SAN connectivity options and 2-GB-per-second support, together with extensive interoperability testing make the Chaparral/Overland combination an excellent choice for backup in a SAN environment."

Option bays built into all Neo Series libraries provide tremendous support for a range of configurations, investment protection and appliance-like simplicity in connectivity.

"The interface flexibility of Overland's Neo Series, in addition to its modular design, combine for a cost-effective, scalable tape library that can be easily updated as new tape and interface technologies become available," said Lee Payne, senior product marketing manager for Overland. "The advanced robotics and high-availability design of the Neo Series makes it the leader in enterprise-class tape automation."

Overland's Neo Series sets a new gold standard for high availability and features in modular tape libraries, allowing customers to buy exactly what they need today, with the ability to add to the system as their needs change. The Neo Series is the third generation of Overland's SmartScale(R) LibraryXpress(TM) product line, which has garnered more than two dozen product awards and more than 40,000 installations worldwide.

The Neo Series LXN2000 library module supports one or two drives and up to 26 media slots. Additional modules can be added, as needed -- up to seven additional modules into the Neo Series multi-mode system for a total of 16 drives and 208 slots, the highest rack density available today. When using multiple LXN2000 modules, the Neo Series functions as a single virtual library system.

With each module having separate robotics, hot swappable drives, power supplies and electronics, the Neo Series is the new leader in high availability and unprecedented uptime. Native capacity scales from 1 to 22.9 TB, with a native transfer rate scalable from single module 21.6 GB/hour up to 634 GB/hour in the multi-module system.

About Chaparral Network Storage Inc.

Chaparral is a leading provider of high performance products that facilitate the movement of data between networked storage devices. Chaparral is focused primarily on developing products for use in the emerging market for SANs. Chaparral's Intelligent Storage Routers facilitate the interconnection of SANs with existing SCSI-based servers and storage systems.

Chaparral's external RAID controllers distribute data across multiple hard disk drives to increase data transfer speeds and deliver fault tolerance. Chaparral's products are designed to provide a high level of performance, availability and functionality.

For additional information about Chaparral Network Storage Inc. and their products call Headquarters: 303/845-3200; Distribution Sales: 408/264-1285; OEM Sales: 949/643-3506; European Sales: (44) 1344-305528; or visit their Web site at [www.chaparralnet.com](http://www.chaparralnet.com).

About Overland

Overland Data Inc. (Nasdaq:OVRL) is a global supplier and recognized leader 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 the 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 is capable of substantially increasing the capacity and throughput of linear tape formats. It has 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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