Overland and Emulex Secure Interoperability in 2 Gig SAN Environments; Overland Certifies Emulex LP9002L Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapter

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SAN DIEGO, Mar 6, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Overland Data Inc. (Nasdaq:OVRL), a market leader in enterprise and mid-range tape automation solutions, today announced that it has certified Emulex Corp.'s (Nasdaq:EMLX) LightPulse 2Gb/s LP90002L host bus adapters (HBAs) for use in 2Gb/s Storage Area Network (SAN) environments featuring Overland tape libraries.

During certification testing, the 2 Gb/s SANs were powered by Emulex LP90002L HBAs, Overland's Fibre Channel Option (FCO) card and a 2 Gb/s switch, all run on Computer Associates BrightStor Enterprise Backup for Windows NT/2000 software. All configurations utilized Overland's 2 Gb/s Fibre Channel Option card, and backed up data to Overland's Neo LXN2000 and Neo LXN4000 modular nonstop tape libraries.

Overland and Emulex have worked together before to provide connectivity solutions utilizing VERITAS Backup Exec for Windows NT/2000 in a 1 Gb/s SAN. Overland has previously certified Emulex Fibre Channel HBAs, including the LP8000, LP850 and the 2Gb/s LP952L, to diversify its 1-2 Gb/s SAN offerings in Windows NT/2000 and Solaris environments.

"Working with Emulex to certify its Fibre Channel HBAs certainly helps solidify our already strong position in the 2 Gb/s arena," said Dave Morton, director of product management, Overland Data. "Working closely with Emulex brings another dimension to our 2 Gb/s and serverless backup leadership, and will help us deliver to our customers the most comprehensively tested and interoperable solutions available."

Key benefits of Overland Data's Fibre Channel Option technology and certified solutions include:

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    --  Plug and Play -- no software keys or additional cost
    --  Investment Protection -- Certified solutions for use in both 1
        and 2 Gb/s SAN environments
    --  Interoperability -- Proven interoperability with SAN backup
        software market leaders including Computer Associates,
        VERITAS and Commvault.
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"As the world's leading supplier of Fibre Channel HBAs, Emulex is fully committed to working with companies like Overland to ensure the highest levels of interoperability and compatibility," said Mike Smith, executive vice president, worldwide marketing for Emulex. "We will continue to work closely with Overland to provide high performance, reliable 2 Gb/s storage networking solutions for our customers."

Overland's Neo series tape library and Fibre Channel Option card and the Emulex LP9002L HBA have also been certified "ca smart" with BrightStor Enterprise Backup on Windows NT/2000 using their SAN option.

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    About Overland
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Overland Data Inc. (Nasdaq:OVRL) is a global supplier of innovative data storage and storage automation solutions for computer networks. The company's reputation for delivering high availability products, as well as its award-winning SmartScale Storage(R) architecture, which set the standard for intelligent automated storage and scalability, has established Overland as a leader in the mid-range tape automation market. Overland sells its products worldwide through leading OEMs, commercial distributors, storage integrators and value-added resellers. For more information, visit Overland's Web site at www.overlanddata.com.

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