

# Breakthrough Systems, Inc. Attains Membership Status in the Intel ® Storage Community

Lafayette, CO, September 25, 2006 – Breakthrough Systems Inc, the leading embedded storage firmware supplier today announced it has joined the Intel® Storage Community (ISC). Breakthrough Systems has a strong commitment to providing leading-edge, standards-based solutions in the storage market with its investments in the next generation of platforms such as Breakthrough’s latest generation of semi-custom Target Mode Drivers, Initiator Drivers, SCSI upper level protocol stacks and storage device and appliance virtualization software.

Through its membership in the ISC, Breakthrough Systems has early exposure to new Intel roadmaps for timely market delivery and strategic development of leading-edge storage solutions.

Breakthrough Systems has been the leading independent embedded firmware and software supplier to the storage OEM community for over a decade. The company provides storage system OEMs with a buy versus build option for the “plug and play” components of a storage software system allowing them to focus on more unique value add functionality. By providing semi-custom drivers, SCSI device and full appliance software from their modular library, Breakthrough Systems reduces the upfront expense to OEMs and at a sharply reduced time to market. By leveraging Breakthrough Systems’ existing modular architecture OEMs can also reduce the inherent schedule and quality risk of coding custom storage software from scratch.

“Our participation in the Intel Storage Community will result in better and quicker to market storage solutions for our customers,” said Terry Spear, President Breakthrough Systems. “With access to a broad range of Intel standards-based building blocks, we can further accelerate time-to-market of innovative modular storage solutions.”

Breakthrough Systems has an object based metacode library based on architected interfaces that allows for a semi-custom approach to embedded storage firmware cutting the typical development time from months to weeks.

"As a member of ISC, Breakthrough Systems serves as a resource for our systems customers to bring certified offerings to market with shorter and more reliable schedules," said Mike Wall, General Manager, Intel Storage Group Marketing.

“Breakthrough Systems has a track record in the design and development of products and services based on Intel processor and platform architectures that help make storage less expensive and easier to deploy and manage.”

For a complete feature matrix see:

<http://www.breakthroughsys.com/common/interopMatrix.html>

The Intel® Storage Community is a community of storage developers and solution providers committed to the development of innovative standards-based storage solutions that are based on the latest Intel technologies and building blocks. To learn more, please visit: [http://www.intel.com/design/network/Intel Storage Community/index.html](http://www.intel.com/design/network/Intel%20Storage%20Community/index.html)

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