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Cache-A Debuts New LTFS Format Implementation Across LTO-5 Product Line, Including Flagship Pro-Cache5

*-- Uniquely Combines Benefits of LTFS
with Convenience of Cache-A's Archive Appliance --*

Morgan Hill, Calif., April 11, 2011 – At last year's National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Convention, Cache-A was one of the first companies to demonstrate the new LTFS (Linear Tape Film System) format in product form. This year at NAB 2011, all of Cache-A's LTO-5 based products will include LTFS capability, including the company's flagship product, Pro-Cache5, and the new high-performance Power-Cache and the cost-effective Prime-Cache5. Cache-A is featuring all of its LTFS-capable products in Booth SL8209 and the Ultrium booth (N6619) at the Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV, April 11-14.

Based on open source software, LTFS enables users to interchange content across different operating systems, software applications and physical locations. It combines the economy, robustness, high density and low power of tape with much of the functionality and usability of a hard drive.

“Through our collaboration with HP, Pro-Cache5 and our other new LTO-5 based products now combine the benefits of LTFS, which makes tape look like disk, with the convenience of Cache-A's appliance, which makes tape actually behave like disk,” said

Ken Fuhrman, Vice President of Engineering & Operations for Cache-A Corporation.

“By a simple software update, all of our existing Cache-A LTO-5 customers will be able to start using LTFS going forward without additional cost or the need to transfer existing tapes.

“Once our LTFS release is installed in any Cache-A LTO-5 archive appliance,” he added, “customers will have the choice of using the mature tar format with Cache-A’s enhancements or the new LTFS format. Like Cache-A’s tar implementation, LTFS provides a self-describing file system on an LTO cartridge.”

LTFS: Improving Workflows, Asset Management, Interchange

Cache-A’s LTO-5 based products with LTFS make an ideal archiving and interchange solution, enhancing both production and post-production workflows as well as improving asset management and interchange.

The open-standard LTFS makes the contents of the tape compatible and accessible to any facility with an LTO-5 tape drive. As a result, it provides a self-contained content delivery system along every stage of the workflow. This ensures the integrity of the shoot by creating an insurable and bondable media deliverable while providing the standard for content delivery and final archive.

The Cache-A Difference

Cache-A goes beyond the basic capabilities of LTFS and provides powerful features necessary to professional video and digital film workflows:

- The Cache-A approach eliminates the need for client-side software as opposed to standard LTFS that must be installed on each client system
- Cache-A’s appliance provides networked hard disk storage and a layer of software that makes LTFS much easier to use
- Cache-A archive appliances are networked and available to an entire facility or workgroup whereas LTFS on a workstation will only work on that workstation

- Cache-A archive appliances have a built-in server that does not need to tie up a user workstation to perform archive and restore tasks
- The Cache-A appliance includes a built-in catalog, maintained in a database, that enables users to keep track of every file, folder and tape ever seen by the device; content can be searched and easily located many years in the future

Cache-A's archive appliances also allow fast multi-user access to any archived data so that editors in a workgroup can archive or access assets from any computer on the network. Furthermore, because Cache-A's archive appliances are platform-agnostic, they provide heterogeneous workgroup compatibility between Apple Mac, Microsoft Windows and Linux/Unix systems. They also offer workflow compatibility with Avid, Final Cut Pro and digital intermediate software systems. Once created, an editor using a Mac OS, for example, can share the tape with a digital effects company using Linux.

About Cache-A Corporation

Cache-A is a leading supplier of network-attached archive appliances for the digital film, broadcast and professional video industries. Cache-A's archive appliances can easily archive source masters for production or entire projects for post-production using the secure, portable, interchangeable, industry standard LTFS and tar formats on LTO-5 media. www.Cache-A.com

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