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Astute Networks' Caspian Edge Storage Blades Support 3.6TB of Carrier-Grade ATCA Storage per Slot with New Seagate Savvio Hard Drives

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Mar. 18, 2010 - Astute Networks, Inc., a leading provider of bladed storage solutions optimized for the most demanding applications on the edge of the network, today announced support for the Seagate® Savvio® 600GB 10K RPM SAS disk drives. The high-capacity 2.5-inch form factor of the Savvio drives expands the capacity of Astute Networks' Caspian Edge Storage blades to as much as 3.6 terabytes (TB) of capacity per Advanced Telecommunications Computing Architecture (ATCA) slot. Astute Networks is the first ATCA storage supplier to announce availability of the 600GB capacity drives in its systems.

Customers in the telecommunications and defense industries require high-availability storage solutions that are designed for mission-critical applications. In addition to functionality, these solutions must operate under extreme conditions, consume minimal power, occupy a minimal footprint and support a wide range of ATCA configurations. Astute Networks' Caspian Edge Storage Blade platform is the industry's first 10Gb ATCA iSCSI storage blade which provides a foundation for high-performance, sharable, scalable storage capacity.

With the advent of high-capacity 2.5-inch disk drives like the Seagate Savvio 600GB SAS drives, users can implement extremely high-capacity ATCA configurations without sacrificing performance. The Caspian storage solution can accommodate as many as six drives per ATCA slot (with the optional RTM), resulting in up to 3.6TB of usable capacity. Caspian is also NEBS (Network Equipment Building System) and Mil-Spec certified for added data protection in demanding operating environments.

"Astute Networks has responded to its customers' ever-increasing need for capacity and performance with the addition of the Seagate Savvio 600GB SAS drives to its product line," said Keith Klarer, vice president of hardware engineering, Astute Networks. "The powerful and compact architecture of the 2.5-inch Savvio drives

enables us to deliver rack mount storage capacity with all the benefits of ATCA such as deployment simplicity, power and space savings in an open standards architecture. In addition, Caspian's patent-pending, proprietary thermal cooling design ensures operational reliability for high performance media."

"Customers continue to make the transition from 3.5-inch drives to the 2.5-inch form factor to save on space, weight and power consumption," said Henry Fabian, executive director of product marketing, Seagate Technology. "The Savvio® 10K.4 hard drive is the world's first 2.5-inch 10K RPM enterprise drive to deliver 600GB of capacity while at the same time delivering 50 percent improvement in power efficiency over traditional 3.5-inch drives and a 20 percent increase in reliability."

About Astute Networks, Inc.

Astute Networks is the leading provider of bladed storage solutions for edge applications to the telecommunications, military, aerospace, government and other mission-critical markets. The company's focus is to provide the most reliable ATCA storage platform with high availability, optimal performance and efficient space and power utilization. Astute Networks' edge storage solutions are easy to deploy and maintain and feature lower product lifecycle costs while decreasing time to market. Astute Networks is located in San Diego, Calif. For additional information, visit www.astutenetworks.com. Astute Networks - Edge Storage Made Simple™.

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