

## **StarWind Software Announces Support for Microsoft Windows 2008 R2**

*StarWind provides full SAN compatibility and support for Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 for high availability environments*

Burlington, Mass. – StarWind Software, a global leader in storage virtualization and a pioneer in iSCSI storage, today announced full SAN compatibility and support for Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 and Windows Server clusters for high availability environments with solutions such as Microsoft Hyper-V and Microsoft SQL Server 2008, and others.

StarWind's true active-active high availability (HA) architecture provides continuous and non-disruptive access to storage in the event of failure by synchronously mirroring data between two active storage appliances, or nodes, in real time. This technology is important to IT professionals because it eliminates a single point of failure. If a disk, power or even an entire storage node fails, the redundant storage node will take over and will continue actively operating without any disruption, ensuring that storage is available and accessible on the network.

"With the recent release of our fifth generation StarWind iSCSI SAN 5.0, our team has been focused on testing, performance-tuning and integrating our products for Windows Server 2008 R2 and its increased performance, reliability and security," said Zorian Rotenberg, president and CEO of StarWind. "Customers who deploy Windows Server 2008 R2 systems with the advanced functionality found in StarWind iSCSI SAN will reach new levels of data protection, availability and reliability at affordable prices."

StarWind Server 5.0 is an iSCSI Target that installs on any Windows Server 2008 R2 and converts it into a high-performance SAN. iSCSI is an ideal storage interface for applications like Microsoft Hyper-V, Microsoft SQL Server and Microsoft Exchange. StarWind fully leverages iSCSI and all the Windows Server 2008 R2 storage capabilities to provide a strong storage platform for these applications. By running over the iSCSI protocol, StarWind SAN is designed to work well in standard network environments over the existing Ethernet infrastructure and offers all the functionality of a Fibre Channel SAN without the need for expensive equipment and training associated with complex, proprietary SANs. StarWind iSCSI SAN can grow with any size company to meet growing data storage needs and offers a simple, scalable and reliable storage solution.

About StarWind Software Inc.

StarWind Software is a global leader in Storage Virtualization and iSCSI storage for small and midsize companies since 2003. StarWind's flagship product is a storage virtualization software that turns any industry-standard Windows Server into a fault-tolerant, fail-safe iSCSI SAN and is designed for use as centralized, networked storage for VMware, Hyper-V, Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Exchange, Microsoft SharePoint Server and other server applications configured in server clusters. StarWind Software is focused on providing small and midsize companies with affordable high availability storage technology which was previously only available in high-end storage products. The advanced, enterprise-class features include Synchronous Data Mirroring with Automated Failover and Failback, Remote Replication across a WAN, CDP and Snapshots, Thin Provisioning and Virtual Tape Array (VTA). Since 2003, StarWind has pioneered the IP SAN industry and has been the solution of choice for over 30,000 global users in over 100 countries, from

small and midsize companies, to governments, and Fortune 1000 companies. For additional information regarding StarWind Software, please visit <http://www.StarWindSoftware.com>.

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