

## **New StarWind iSCSI SAN High Availability Software Protects Mission-Critical Data and Ensures Business Continuity**

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December 28, 2009 (FPRC) -- Burlington, Mass. --New Starwind 5.0 from StarWind Software, a global leader in storage virtualization and a pioneer in iSCSI storage, combines true active-active high availability and an affordable price to protect the growing list of mission-critical data and business applications. StarWind's automatic failover and failback make data on networked storage continuously available and greatly simplifies storage management in a cost-effective fault-tolerant SAN.

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.

StarWind iSCSI SAN HA software creates a "Virtual SAN" that can be installed on existing industry-standard servers without additional infrastructure investments. A virtual SAN is ideal for SMBs, or remote offices of large companies, which may have budget limitations and physical space constraints, but have performance requirements that can only be satisfied by a high-performance SAN.

StarWind also enhances data protection in VMware environments with features like mirroring, replication and CDP/snapshot capabilities. It is a solution that grows with a company's need as capacity is easily added without additional license purchases because StarWind is a software-only solution, installable on any industry-standard server with easily expanded drive bays.

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 SAN 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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