

Isilon Releases New Clustered Storage Systems, Delivering Unprecedented Scale, Performance And Value For Near-Line Archive And Web 2.0 Applications

New IQ 9000 and EX 9000 Products Provide Unmatched Single File System Scalability Up To 1.6 Petabytes, Eclipsing Traditional SAN and NAS Systems by 100X;

Comcast Entertainment Group, DailyMotion, KodakGallery and Photobox Among Customers Deploying New Solution to Instantly Access Massive Stores of Data While Shattering Cost and Complexity Barriers Associated With Enterprise Data Storage

SEATTLE, WA - July 23, 2007 - Isilon® Systems [Nasdaq: ISLN], the leader in clustered storage, today announced the release of the Isilon IQ 9000 and EX 9000 products, delivering the industry's first and only storage system to scale up to 1.6 Petabytes of capacity in a single file system and single volume, achieving scalability levels 100 times that of traditional SAN and NAS systems. These new high density products, combined with the release of Isilon's OneFS® 4.7 operating system software, pack the breakthrough benefits of clustered storage - high performance data access, "pay as you grow" modular scalability and unmatched ease of use - into a powerful and economical solution designed to meet the requirements of the rapidly growing near-line archive and Web 2.0 application markets. Isilon also announced today that Comcast Entertainment Group, DailyMotion, KodakGallery and Photobox are among customers who are deploying the IQ 9000 and EX 9000 to maximize the value of their strategic data assets.

"Clustered storage, following the rise and broad adoption of the clustered computing paradigm, is rapidly ascending as a vital IT architecture driving innovation and business breakthroughs across the enterprise," said Brett Goodwin, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, Isilon Systems. "With today's release of the IQ 9000 and EX 9000, Isilon is delivering a single pool of storage that is 100 times more scalable than traditional storage systems, providing unprecedented economies of scale, performance and simplicity to enable dramatic advancements in data access, collaboration and sharing that are the hallmarks of the near-line archive and Web 2.0 application markets."

"There are two macro types of data: dynamic and persistent. Data starts out as dynamic and quickly becomes persistent," said Tony Asaro, Senior Analyst, Enterprise Strategy Group. "A major shift is occurring in the value of persistent data. We are finding that companies and organizations want to retain persistent data for the foreseeable future using it for a wide range of things including their core business - like KodakGallery and other Web 2.0 applications - others are using it as part of an extended active archive; some are using it for corporate governance and compliance; and it is also being used as a large storage repository to relieve their tier one platforms that are better suited for dynamic data. Isilon IQ is a great solution for near-line and Web 2.0 applications because of its scalability, extensibility, ease of use and cost-effectiveness. Isilon is poised to shake up near-line and Web 2.0 in the same way they've done in the HPC and multi-media markets."

Over the last few years, Web 2.0 technologies have expanded beyond their origins as consumer applications, reaching deep into enterprises where they are now being used to improve networking and collaboration both internally and across partner and customer ecosystems. According to a recent Gartner, Inc. report, "Forecast: Web Conferencing and Team Collaboration Software, Worldwide, 2006-2010," consumer software and Web 2.0 collaboration software will be used in 75 percent of all enterprises by 2009. Gartner also predicts that by the end of the decade, consumer social software will become a part of mainstream business software vendor product lines. This proliferation of Web 2.0 technologies and collaboration in the enterprise is expected to accelerate ever-expanding stores of corporate information, a deluge of data that threatens to overwhelm companies' existing storage resources. Isilon IQ's clustered

storage is specifically designed to address the explosion of digital content and unstructured data, providing enterprises with the ability to scale their resources as they take on the additional Web 2.0 data loads without diminishing the performance required by near-instant collaboration and communication services.

"At DailyMotion, we deliver video content to more than 37 million users. Our service enables our millions of visitors to access content simultaneously which necessitates 24x7 availability of always-online content," said Matthieu Blumberg dit Fleurmont, System Architect, DailyMotion. "Early in our development, we found traditional storage systems were too complex and limited in scale to meet our massive data growth and performance demands. Meanwhile, Isilon's new IQ 9000 delivers the scalability, ease of use and concurrent data throughput we require to power our around-the-clock operations and provide our users with access to content."

"KodakGallery enables millions of users to easily store, access, share and print billions of photos around the clock, allowing them to unlock the full value of their digital memories," said Chris Harrington, Senior Director of Technical Operations, KodakGallery. "Our business hinges on our ability to reliably store, archive and immediately access the vast libraries of user-uploaded images, requiring storage that parallels our own service's benefits of unmatched scalability, reliability and ease of use. The Isilon IQ 9000 will help us to seamlessly grow our storage pool to support our continually expanding image repository."

The Isilon IQ 9000 and EX 9000 deliver the following key benefits:

- **Unprecedented Scalability** - Leveraging Isilon's OneFS operating system software with TrueScale™, the Isilon IQ 9000 and EX 9000 deliver modular, "pay as you grow", scaling of capacity up to 1.6 Petabytes in a single file system and single volume, providing data-intensive environments such as the near-line archive and Web 2.0 application markets with maximum flexibility and IT value to streamline operations and achieve new business breakthroughs.
- **High Performance** - Isilon IQ clustered storage leverages Isilon's patented OneFS operating system software to utilize and harness both the CPU performance and disk-drive capacity of each IQ node to scale performance in lock-step with capacity, eliminating the performance bottlenecks inherent in traditional SAN and NAS storage environments, to uniquely enable businesses to meet the massive data growth and access demands that are a core component of the near-line archive and Web 2.0 environments.
- **Unmatched Ease of Use** - Powered by Isilon's OneFS operating system software, the Isilon IQ 9000 and EX 9000 provide a single file system and single volume, delivering a highly scalable, single shared pool of storage for meeting the rigorous demands of high growth near-line archive and Web 2.0 applications. Isilon IQ delivers a single point of management for an entire storage system, providing unmatched simplicity in system configuration and management and enabling enterprises to manage 4 Terabytes as easily as 1.6 Petabytes, while significantly reducing IT costs and staff requirements.

The Isilon IQ 9000 platform node and Isilon EX 9000 platform extension node each contain 12 Seagate 750 GB SATA-II disk drives, providing 9 TB of capacity in a 2U form factor. The IQ 9000, leveraging Isilon's OneFS operating system software with TrueScale technology, provides linear scaling of both capacity and performance with the addition of each modular, 2U node. The EX 9000, when paired with the Isilon IQ 9000, provides scaling of capacity independent of performance to achieve unmatched value for storing and accessing large and rapidly growing archives of unstructured data and digital content.

Powered by OneFS, Isilon IQ delivers the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides instant and ubiquitous access to the rapidly growing stores of digital content and unstructured data, eliminating the cost and complexity barriers of traditional storage architectures. OneFS is a unified operating system software layer that powers all of Isilon's award-winning IQ family of clustered storage systems including the Isilon IQ 200, 1920, 3000, 6000, 9000, Accelerator, and EX 6000 and 9000. Isilon also provides a robust suite of software applications including SnapshotIQ™, SmartConnect™, SmartQuotas, MigrationIQ™, and SyncIQ® that leverage OneFS and clustered storage, providing the highest levels of data protection and automated data management.

About Isilon Systems

Isilon Systems is the worldwide leader in clustered storage systems and software for digital content and unstructured data, enabling enterprises to transform data into information - and information into breakthroughs. Isilon's award-winning family of IQ clustered storage systems combines Isilon's OneFS operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware to deliver modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems. Isilon's clustered storage solutions speed access to critical business information while dramatically reducing the cost and complexity of storing it. Information about Isilon can be found at <http://www.isilon.com>.