



COMPELLENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON MICROSOFT RELEASE CANDIDATE OF HYPER-V

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn., March 19, 2008 – Compellent Technologies, Inc. (NYSE Arca: CML) released the following statements today regarding Microsoft’s announcement of its release candidate of Hyper-V, the hypervisor-based virtualization software available with Windows Server 2008.

Bruce Kornfeld, vice president of marketing for Compellent, said:

“Microsoft is taking an important step in delivering on its virtualization vision and strategy. Through the virtualization of both servers and storage, organizations of any size can radically lower infrastructure costs while reducing their carbon and energy footprint. Microsoft’s release candidate of Hyper-V will make it easier for many companies to plan and achieve a virtualized data center.

As an enterprise storage vendor, Compellent is excited to have taken part in the real-world testing of Windows Server 2008 and Hyper-V in partnership with Microsoft, our channel partners and our end users. What we found during testing is that by using Compellent’s virtualized storage as the foundation for a Microsoft server virtualization solution, organizations can speed deployment, ease operational management and enable rapid recovery from data disasters--benefits that our customers believe are critical as they map their data centers for the future.”

Commenting on Compellent’s teaming with Microsoft on virtual solutions, Mike Schutz, director of product management for Microsoft, said:

“The data growth and energy restrictions of today’s data centers require a totally new view of TCO that encompasses end-to-end virtualization from the desktop to the data center. Microsoft is working closely with partners like Compellent to deliver joint solutions that can reduce operating costs by increasing hardware utilization, optimizing infrastructure and improving availability. Compellent’s virtual storage area network combined with Microsoft’s Hyper-V creates a synergy that can help end users easily deploy a virtual data center.”

More information about Compellent’s integration with Microsoft platforms can be found at www.compellent.com/microsoft.

About Compellent

Compellent is a leading provider of enterprise-class network storage solutions that are highly scalable, feature-rich and designed to be easy to use and cost effective. Compellent Technologies’ principal offices are located in Eden Prairie, Minn. For more information, please visit: <http://www.compellent.com>.

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