



News Release

## **COMPELLENT RECEIVES NETWORK PRODUCTS GUIDE 2008 PRODUCT INNOVATION AWARD**

*Storage Center 4.0 Selected a Winner in the Storage Category*

**EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn., June 10, 2008** – Compellent Technologies, Inc. (NYSE Arca: CML) announced today that Network Products Guide, a Silicon Valley Communications publication and a world leading publication on technologies and solutions, has named the Compellent storage area network (SAN) a winner of the 2008 Product Innovation Award. This annually venerated award recognizes and honors vendors from all over the world with innovative and ground-breaking products that are bringing essential and incremental changes and are setting the bar higher for others in all areas of information technology.

Compellent Storage Center 4.0 is the first networked storage system to manage data inside the volume, automate tiered storage, and reclaim unused disk space within every drive. Software innovations such as Fast Track, Thin Import and Free Space Recovery help eliminate disk drives from the data center, effectively reducing total cost of ownership and energy consumption.

“The goal of any product innovation must always remain a positive change, making or improving solutions better than before,” says Rake Narang, editor-in-chief, Network Products Guide. “Innovative products such as Storage Center 4.0 are bringing improvements in ease-of-use, disaster recovery and total cost of ownership to network storage.”

Targeted at mid-sized enterprises, the Compellent SAN is a scalable, intelligent storage platform which enables flexible growth without requiring a forklift upgrade. The Compellent SAN also features an intuitive interface to streamline administration tasks. To read more about this product innovation, please visit [www.networkproductsguide.com/innovations/](http://www.networkproductsguide.com/innovations/).

“Network Products Guide’s recognition of Storage Center 4.0 further validates our product as best-in-class and ahead of the curve,” said Bruce Kornfeld, vice president of marketing, Compellent. “Product innovation, guided by input and collaboration with our customers and business partners, is key to our continued commitment to meet the business needs of enterprises seeking storage solutions that lower costs and power consumption.”

The 2008 Product Innovation Award is the latest industry accolade for the Compellent SAN and its economic and environmental benefits. *InfoWorld* selected Compellent customer gm2 Logistics as a recipient of its Green 15 Award for outstanding eco-friendly IT project, and UK channel partners Fordway Solutions and Jcom were honored with IT Europa European IT Excellence Awards. The Compellent SAN was recently recognized as the top storage array by the *Diogenes Labs-Storage magazine Quality Awards* and the “Best SAN” of 2008 by *InfoWorld’s* 2008 Technology of the Year Awards.

**About Network Products Guide Awards**

Network Products Guide published from Silicon Valley is a leading provider of products, technologies and vendor related research and analysis. You will discover a wealth of information in this guide including product innovations, roadmaps, industry directions, technology advancements and independent product evaluations that facilitate in making the most pertinent technology decisions impacting business and personal goals. The guide follows conscientious research methodologies developed and enhanced by industry experts. To learn more, visit [www.networkproductsguide.com](http://www.networkproductsguide.com)

### **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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