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CommandSoft and Archion Announce Product Certification and Interoperability

Users Benefit from Combination of CommandSoft's Storage Management and Archion's 2-Gigabit Fibre Channel and FireWire Storage Systems

Las Vegas, Nev., Monday, April 7, 2003 – FibreJet™ high-speed storage area network software, from CommandSoft, Inc., has received product certification by Archion for use with Archion's Sumetra™ RAID, JBOD, and the new ideA™ product line including the ideA™ Fibre (2 Gigabit) and ideA™ FireWire RAID storage systems. The joint announcement was made at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Convention 2003, held at the Las Vegas Convention Center. CommandSoft's booth, C4162e, is located in the new SAN Pavilion in Central Hall.

With FibreJet's certification, creative professionals at post-production/special effects and digital arts facilities can benefit from FibreJet's workflow-oriented data sharing capabilities linked with Archion's high-speed, high-capacity storage for both 2-Gigabit Fibre Channel and FireWire. The combined solution provides customers with superior SAN price/performance for a variety of storage area networking needs, both higher-end and entry-level.

The new FireWire offering provides unprecedented price/performance for customers wanting to bring SAN technology to their operations. Designed for lower-end requirements, including offline content, the FireWire product fulfills the networking needs of a wide variety of customers, yet its cost is a fraction of Fibre Channel-based SANs.

"Archion is pleased to provide CommandSoft's FibreJet software for post-production storage networks with its storage systems to Macintosh-based customers," said Reuben Lima, CEO of Archion. "We are confident that the storage networking capability offered by CommandSoft's FibreJet will enable a important networking choice for customers, especially those using Avid based systems."

"Archion's hardware technology is a good fit for our products," said Jim Wolff, CEO of CommandSoft. "As more post-production moves towards the SAN model, many customers needs will be met perfectly with a dual high-end and entry-level SAN storage choice. The Archion storage lets our customers enable both online and offline content in a SAN environment controlled by our software. We are pleased with the results of Archion and CommandSoft product tests, and we will encourage our customers to use the combined solutions where appropriate."

Archion's products include the Archion Sumetra™ RAID and JBOD, ideA™ RAID Fibre, and the ideA™ RAID FireWire Systems. The Fibre Channel Sumetra™ RAID and ideA™ RAID Fibre offer high performance, high availability, fault tolerant RAID storage with Fibre Channel interconnects to Macintosh, Windows 98, 2000, NT, Unix, and SGI platforms. The hardware for the RAID systems offers performance and data protection in the event of a drive failure, preventing downtime and data loss. Archion's Sumetra™ JBOD system offers high performance JBOD storage for Macintosh, Windows 98, 2000, NT, Unix, and SGI platforms. The Sumetra™ JBOD offers Fibre Channel interconnects at an affordable cost and are completely scalable.

FibreJet high-speed storage area network (SAN) software features significant workflow advantages for high-volume production operations such as television post-production/special effects facilities and digital art studios. It enables multiple editors to simultaneously access identical source materials without altering or copying the original files—a key element in managing complex projects. FibreJet's file system management protects the data from unauthorized alteration even when multiple editors access the same material and write to the shared storage. It also provides seamless integration with leading applications such as Final Cut Pro, Media 100, major Avid and Adobe products, and virtually all 1 or 2 Gbit Fibre Channel hardware installations. Support is available now for Macintosh OS X and OS 8-9 operating systems; a Windows 2000 version is under development.

About Archion (www.archion.com)

Archion is one of the entertainment industry's leading companies providing networked, high-capacity storage systems to the professional entertainment marketplace. Archion's clients include MGM Studios, Aspect Television, CBS TV's "Touched by an Angel" series, Spyglass Entertainment, Sony Pictures, Paramount Pictures/Lakeshore Entertainment, Sandcastle 5 Productions, Warner Brothers/Bel-Air Entertainment, and Adventist Media Group, to name a few. Archion can be reached at 818-840-0777.

About CommandSoft (www.commandsoft.com)

CommandSoft, Inc. is the developer of FibreJet™, a next-generation, shared-storage solution for Storage Area Networks (SANs). FibreJet enables file systems to be dynamically shared in a multiple-reader / single writer environment. CommandSoft was founded by the original developers of FibreNet™, StudioBOSS™, FC Net Director RAID™, SAN Manager™ and other storage software systems. They were among the first Fibre Channel innovators through their development of HBA drivers for Windows™, Solaris™, Macintosh™ OS and IRIX Fibre Channel chip sets from QLogic™, Emulex™, and Agilent™. For more information on the company, its products and its mission, visit the CommandSoft website at www.commandsoft.com or call 800-447-0144.

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