

Gee Broadcast Systems certifies Isilon Clustered Storage

Grid FX and Premium TV first joint customers to benefit from fully supported installation of Geevs Video Server and Lightworks with Isilon IQ Clustered Storage platform

Basingstoke, UK - April, 2008 - Isilon® Systems [NASDAQ: ISLN], the leader in clustered storage, today announced that Gee Broadcast Systems Ltd, a leading manufacturer and distributor of high quality video equipment for the television and film industry, has certified and will support installations of its Video Server and Lightworks products when used alongside Isilon IQ clustered storage solutions. The agreement will allow joint Gee and Isilon clients to realise the cost, performance and support benefits of Gee video editing and play-out systems backed by highly scalable and performance-intensive Isilon clustered storage.

“We have worked closely with Isilon to test its technology with our Geevs Video Server and Lightworks editing systems and it has performed exceptionally well,” comments Keith Gee, Managing Director for Gee Broadcast Systems. “Isilon clustered storage has proven popular within the television and film industry and our certification will ensure that our joint customers are assured of professional levels of support when both our systems are used within the same environment.”

Since it was founded in the late eighties, Gee Broadcast has grown steadily based on strong technical expertise and a reputation for outstanding customer support. The company designs and manufactures the Geevs family of video servers and Lightworks editing suites. Customers range from international broadcasters such as the BBC, Czech TV and ERTU - Egypt, production companies including Lime Pictures, Paramount and Stein Films, and even Oscar Award winning film editors like Thelma Schoonmaker.

“Isilon is one of the best solutions in the sweet spot between Network Attached Storage and SAN and by understanding how Isilon’s clustered storage works with our systems, it makes supporting the overall solution much easier, which benefits everybody.” Gee adds.

Grid FX, one of Belgium’s leading post-production houses, is one of the first joint customers to benefit from the certification and support agreement. Before switching to Isilon, Grid VFX was struggling to maintain rendering and project work spread across a banks of disparate NAS servers. In addition to management challenges, the NAS boxes exhibited severe performance limitation when working with the company’s rendering plant and Lightworks editing workstations.

As Wim Wouters, IT Director for Grid VFX explains, “Our previous [storage] servers would allow us to supply about 5 workstations and 5 render nodes with image data before the server bandwidth ground to a halt. Secondly, at least one of the servers was filled to the brim, again causing major slowdowns as data had to be migrated to another server. The consolidation to one Isilon clustered solution solved all these problems.”

The agreement with Gee Broadcast is part of an ongoing strategy to ensure Isilon is well placed to power the next generation of media and entertainment by advancing the creation, management, delivery and archival of digital media.

"By adhering to industry standards for our file protocols, interfaces and hardware platforms – Isilon is ensuring the widest possible adoption and interoperability across the media landscape and helping end customers get the most out of their investment," said Phil Crocker, Director of Marketing for EMEA, Isilon Systems. "Working on interoperability testing and certification with influential companies such as Gee Broadcast is an example of how Isilon is helping to power the next generation of media creators to deliver breakthroughs in workflow and efficiency."

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, 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 family of IQ clustered storage systems including the Isilon IQ 200, 1920, 3000, 6000, 9000, 12000, Accelerator, and EX 6000, 9000 and 12000. 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

Isilon Systems (NASDAQ: ISLN) 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>.

About Gee Broadcast Systems Ltd

Gee Broadcast Systems has been supplying the UK and International Broadcast market for over 20 years. Gee Broadcast's video servers and systems storage solutions enable customers to maximise their programming capability by running their broadcast operations more efficiently and cost-effectively. Based on a broad experience of the broadcast industry and customer input and feedback, the Geevs range of customisable servers delivers a dramatic increase in work-flow and a real return on investment. Geevs Servers come with a range of customer service, support and training options. Lightworks is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gee Broadcast and develops editing systems for demanding Film and TV Production.

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