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THEINFOPRO RESEARCH SHOWS BACKUP REDESIGN IS TOP STORAGE INITIATIVE WITH 25% OF FORTUNE 1000 ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, December 4, 2006— According to TheInfoPro's latest Storage Networking Wave Study, Fortune 1000 organizations indicated they are spending on average 15% of their storage budget on redesigning their growing backup infrastructures. This comes as a result of doubling storage capacities, corresponding increases in retention requirements and the vast amount of data being pushed to the datacenter every month. The findings, derived from 153 hour-long, one-on-one interviews with TheInfoPro's *TIPNetwork* of pre-screened Storage professionals, detail technology adoption trends and timeframes, techniques and trends, as well as strategies for the Storage Networking sector.

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"Backup has emerged as the leading area of focused improvement for Fortune 1000 storage organizations in 2007," said Robert Stevenson, Managing Director for Storage at TheInfoPro. "Front end storage growth, regulatory compliance and increasing data retention times have created a need for backup innovation to maintain the highest levels of data protection."

Consistent with this focused improvement are the adoption plans of backup and recovery technologies appearing on the TheInfoPro's Storage Backup and Recovery Technology Heat Index™ which measures users' reported spending and implementation plans. Tape Encryption, Virtual Tape Library (VTL), Archiving using Data Classification and Wide Area File Systems (WAFS) are the top newest technologies included in storage backup redesign activities on the Index. Looking forward to Storage Networking Wave 9, Continuous Data Protection (CDP) and Deduplication will likely move into the top five, if adoption rates follow the patterns from previous Storage Wave Studies.

- Backup administration is the largest consumer of storage staffing resources, as organizations in the Fortune 1000 indicate on average, 20% of their resources are allocated to backup and recovery tasks.
- 19% of the Fortune 1000 have expressed interest in outsourcing their day to day backup activities
- 5% of Fortune 1000 organizations maintain over 200,000 tapes off site.
- 52% of Fortune 1000 organizations indicate it would take over 1100 tapes to restore a single data center facility

The top vendors looking to benefit with backup redesign activities include: EMC, HDS, NetApp, Cisco, IBM, Sun, HP, Data Domain, Symantec, COPAN, Riverbed, SilverPeak, Orbital, Expand Networks, Juniper, FalconStor, CommVault, Quantum, Arkivio, Kazeon, Index Engines, Archivas, Diligent, SpectraLogic, Sony, CA, Fujitsu Siemens, SEPATON, Overland Storage, BakBone, Iron Mountain, Softek, Double-Take and Quest.

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