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STA and INCITS Announce Serial Attached SCSI Standard

Standardization Supports Product Deployment in 2004

San Francisco and Washington DC, January 28, 2004 – The SCSI Trade Association (STA) and the InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) announced today that the Serial Attached SCSI (SAS) standard has been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The SAS standard is designated as ANSI/INCITS 376-2003 and can be purchased through the INCITS website at <http://www.INCITS.org>.

Technical Committee T10, under the direction of INCITS, is responsible for all SCSI standards development. The specifications for the 3.0 Gb/s standard were in near-final form six months ago at which time OEMs began preparing products for market. During fourth quarter, several vendors demonstrated working SAS products and are now beginning to announce product availability.

"Serial Attached SCSI has captured the market's imagination with the possibilities offered through native Serial ATA compatibility," stated Harry Mason, President of the STA Board of Directors and Director of Industry Marketing at LSI Logic. "The ANSI/INCITS approval of SAS 1.0 is an important milestone toward broad market adoption, and places us on schedule with the industry timelines established at the inception of SAS."

John Lohmeyer, chair of INCITS Technical Committee T10 and Principal Engineer, LSI Logic, said, "SAS preserves the industry's software investment in SCSI command sets. Its configuration is accomplished in software using globally-unique device identifiers. The new standard will make SAS products easier to design, install and maintain due to compatibility with earlier SCSI generations."

The SCSI Trade Association has planned several plugfests throughout the year to assist OEMs in preparing their SAS products for market and to assure that all products will interoperate seamlessly in SAS-based storage systems.

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About STA

The SCSI Trade Association was established in 1995 to provide a focal point for members to communicate the benefits of SCSI to the industry. STA promotes the understanding and use of SCSI technology and influences the evolution of SCSI standards to meet future industry needs. The Association has an eight-member Board of Directors, which oversees the Marketing Communications and Technology Committees and all STA activities. For more information, please visit the STA web site at <http://www.scsita.org>, send an email to info@scsita.org or call the STA office at (415) 561-6273.

About INCITS

The InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) is the primary U.S. focus of standardization in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) encompassing storage, processing, transfer, display, management, organization, and retrieval of information. As such, INCITS also serves as the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) Technical Advisory Group for ISO/IEC Joint Technical Committee 1. JTC 1 is responsible for International standardization in the field of information technology. INCITS is accredited by ANSI and operates under its rules, designed to ensure that voluntary standards are developed by the consensus of directly and materially affected interests. Contact: INCITS Secretariat, Information Technology Industry Council, 1250 Eye St. NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005 (www.incits.org)

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