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Open-E Announces General Availability of Hyper-V Cluster Support for its Open-E Data Storage Software V7

Open-E DSS V7, backed by 27,000 installations, adds Hyper-V Cluster Support for virtualized storage environment with no single point of failure

Atlanta, Georgia; Munich, Germany – April 22, 2013: <u>Open-E</u>, a leading developer of innovative data storage software used for building and managing centralized storage servers, announced today the general availability of its flagship product, <u>Open-E Data Storage</u> <u>Software (DSS) V7</u> now with Hyper-V Cluster Support.

The release of Hyper-V Cluster Support for Windows Server 2008 R2 and 2012 provides optimization of virtual storage environments. The newly added feature allows Open-E customers to set up a virtualized storage environment with no single point of failure, affording the highest reliability possible with server clusters, as well as offering outstanding price performance with an Active-Active iSCSI Failover setup. Based on the Persistent Reservation Synchronization mechanism, data can be synchronized on both cluster nodes and services will not be interrupted even if a failover happens on the storage backend.

"The addition of Hyper-V Cluster Support for Windows continues our commitment in providing the SMB and SME communities with an all-in-one universal storage systems strategy that can deliver superior performance and enterprise level reliability at an attractive price point," said Krzysztof Franek, CEO and president of Open-E. "Our all-in-one universal storage systems strategy allows businesses of all sizes to leverage off-the-shelf servers to simply build and operate the virtualized storage infrastructure they need to support their Big Data, Cloud, and other enterprise applications."

The Hyper-V Cluster Support adds to the Active-Active Failover for iSCSI Volumes for Open-E's DSS V7, released in July 2012. The Active-Active Failover feature eliminates any single point of failure; has a self-validation functionality that checks all critical settings on each node; provides enhanced cluster security and fully utilizes all processing power of the data storage servers, increasing their performance up to 600%.

"The continuing global sales growth that we are seeing for our Open-E DSS V7, now with Hyper-V Cluster Support, is a testament of our ever-increasing market adoption for our storage software solution," added Franek. "Additionally, we have added to our US staff to meet the ongoing demand. We will continue to drive innovation and support our reseller partners while further establishing our technological leadership in providing the best-in-class storage software solutions to our continually growing multi-national clientele."

About Open-E

Open-E, Inc. is a pioneering leader and developer of IP-based storage management software. The Open-E DSS V7 and Open-E DSS V7 Lite line of products are aimed at the SMB and SME markets.

<u>Open-E DSS V7</u> is a robust, award-winning enterprise storage application which offers excellent compatibility with industry standards (vast variety of supported hardware), and is the easiest to use and manage. Additionally, it is one of the most stable solutions on the market and an undisputed price performance leader.

Open-E has over 27,000 world-wide installations in Fortune 500 organizations in over 100 countries for over a decade and has received numerous industry awards and recognition from PC Professional, Tom's Hardware, Storage Awards, PC Pro and more.

Thanks to its reputation, experience and business reliability, Open-E has become the technological partner of choice for industry-leading IT companies such as Citrix, Intel, LSI, VMware, and Adaptec.

For further information about Open-E, its products and partners, visit <u>http://www.open-e.com/</u>.

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