

Fujitsu ETERNUS DX Disk Storage Significantly Improves Speed and Price-performance on its Record-breaking Predecessor

SPC confirms Fujitsu ETERNUS DX80 S2's speed and price-performance #1 position in
Mid-range Dual Controller Storage Arrays sector

Regensburg, February 28, 2012 – Fujitsu today announces that its ETERNUS DX flexible modular disk storage systems deliver the world's fastest data retrieval and data access speeds with the best cost-performance ratios in the mid-range Dual Controller Storage Arrays sector. The latest generation of entry-level systems, focused on delivering flexible operations and rock-solid safety of data across the product family, made significant improvements on its record-breaking predecessor since its launch in May 2011.

System speed and price performance have a direct impact on a customer's productivity and return on investment. The ETERNUS DX storage systems are the best in their class at managing transaction-oriented applications such as databases, mail-servers, banking and telecoms environments and other high activity online processing demands. They are the storage workhorses of the information-hungry and price-sensitive small- and medium-sized business market, providing flexible operational capacity that protects data with rock-solid security.

Alisdair Manning, Team-lead of the ALMA Archive Subsystem, European Southern Observatory, comments on why ETERNUS DX disk storage systems were their preferred choice supporting their exploration of the universe: «A radio telescope places extremely high demands on a storage system. After comparing different options, the unrivalled performance and return on investment of the ETERNUS DX models tipped the scales in favor of Fujitsu.»

Independent benchmark testing by Storage Performance Council (SPC) of Fujitsu's ETERNUS DX80 S2 comprehensive disk storage systems reveal that working at 100 per cent stress levels, the system delivers data retrieval and through-put speeds (known technically as IOPS™) of 34,995.02 IOPS(1). That compares to S1's previous world-record-breaking storage-data retrieval and through-put speeds of 19,492.86 IOPS set in 2009. This difference represents a vast 80 per cent improvement in the speed and performance of the new ETERNUS DX80 S2 disk storage systems compared to the ETERNUS DX80 S1 solution when it comes to inputting, accessing and archiving data.

SPC also reveals that Fujitsu's ETERNUS DX80 S2 storage systems improved its price-performance ratio compared to its predecessor's benchmarks from \$3.45 per SPC-1 IOPS to \$2.25 per SPC-1 IOPS. This makes the current generation 35 per cent better value.

Says Marcus Schneider, Head of Product Development Group Storage at Fujitsu Technology Solutions: «Scalability not just in capacity but also in performance and service levels become the key decision criteria when customers select their data management solutions. ETERNUS DX excels in these aspects. This benchmark result is another proof point for it.»

Notes to the Editors:

- 1 As measured by the Storage Performance Council's SPC Benchmark 1 (SPC-1) In the IOPS Throughput SPC-1 test, the Fujitsu ETERNUS DX80 S2 set a record by achieving a performance of 34995.02 SPC-1 IOPS under 100 per cent load. The system, costing at a starting price (including three years maintenance) of CHF 7500.- achieved best price-performance in its class of \$2.25/SPC-1 IOPS.

The Storage Performance Council (SPC) is a non-profit corporation founded to define, standardize and promote storage product benchmarks and to disseminate objective, verifiable performance data to the computer industry and its customers. The organization's strategic objectives are to empower storage vendors to build better products and stimulate the IT community to more rapidly trust and deploy multivendor storage technology. For a complete list of SPC results, visit <http://www.storageperformance.org/results>. A complete list of SPC member companies may be found at <http://www.storageperformance.org/about/roster/>.

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