

## **StarWind is Published in an Independent Report by The 451 Group**

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Burlington, Mass. – April 15, 2009 – StarWind Software, a global leader in storage virtualization and Open iSCSI SAN software, announces that it has been published in a Impact Report by the 451 Group. This report by storage analyst Simon Robinson provides an overview of the company and an analysis of its business and technology, pointing out that if the iSCSI and virtualization market conditions are favorable then StarWind is a company worth watching.

The 451 Group report mentions iSCSI storage market leaders including EqualLogic, and Lefthand Networks which were acquired by Dell and HP, respectively. Storage analyst Simon Robinson says that like Lefthand, StarWind is building out a "richly featured software stack." The 451 Group report also mentions that StarWind has a well-established, profitable and growing core product, a solid partner base and a low-cost operating model.

“StarWind Software has been a solution of choice for SMB customers in over 50 countries during the past six years,” said Zorian Rotenberg, President and CEO, StarWind Software. "We are really excited that the 451 Group has acknowledged StarWind and published this independent report about the company.”

StarWind's fourth-generation product StarWind Server 4.0 is an Open iSCSI SAN software that installs on any Windows Server and converts it into a reliable and powerful SAN. It can be used as shared storage with VMware ESX and VMware ESXi or Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Hyper-V virtualized environments. StarWind also supports Microsoft Windows Server Cluster environments with applications such as Microsoft SQL Server, Oracle, Microsoft SharePoint or Microsoft Exchange.

With StarWind, customers have the freedom to choose from a variety of industry-standard x86 servers that meet performance, scalability and budget requirements instead of being locked into proprietary solutions. StarWind's open iSCSI SAN software is based on industry-standard architectures and runs on standard Intel-based storage servers - this offers autonomy to IT professionals who do not want to be locked into a single vendor. This freedom of choice is important to SMB customers who need to deploy networked storage easily and affordably.

StarWind Enterprise Edition includes enterprise-level features such as CDP & Snapshots, Mirroring & Replication and Thin Provisioning. Free Trial download is available at <http://www.starwindsoftware.com/starwind-server>. StarWind is currently available through authorized channel resellers. For further information, please contact StarWind Software at 617-449-7717 or visit the company's website [www.StarWindSoftware.com](http://www.StarWindSoftware.com).

About StarWind Software Inc.

StarWind Software is a leading global provider of reliable, powerful and affordable iSCSI SAN and storage virtualization solutions. StarWind Server is an Open iSCSI SAN software that converts any Windows Server into a reliable and powerful SAN and is designed for use with application servers such as

VMware ESX and VMware ESXi, Citrix XenServer, Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2008 and Microsoft Windows Server clusters for databases such as Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Exchange and Microsoft SharePoint Server. StarWind is an affordable solution and combines an ease of use with enterprise-class features such as Mirroring and Replication, CDP and Snapshots, Thin Provisioning and Virtual Tape Library (VTL). Since 2003 StarWind has been a pioneer in the iSCSI SAN industry and the solution of choice for thousands of global customers, in over 50 countries serving small and mid-sized businesses (SMB), governments, and regional offices/branch offices (ROBO) of Fortune 1000 companies.

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