

DISC Shows New Blu-Ray Archival Appliance in Microboards Booth SL7706

Las Vegas, NV –April 13th, 2008– Disc GmbH, the leader in high-performance optical storage, today announced a new entry-level solution for storing content and data using Blu-ray technology. The new Blu-safe appliance provides enterprises and small users with a compact device that gives reliable and secure storage to archived information for small and mid-sized environments.

The increasing value of data and content in today's business has created a need to provide long-term, write-once access to information in order to protect digital assets and ensure continuous availability. IT organizations are under continuous pressure for uninterrupted access to irreplaceable digital content with a secure and cost-effective solution. DISC's new Blu-safe enables businesses to store and access file based data with up to 750GB capacity on 50GB Blu-ray media through automated data migration processes. That equates to approximately 200 hours of HD video, 25 million pages of text or 150,000 high-resolution digital photos. In addition to online access, the system supports management of up to 14 million files on offline media with professional archiving software.

DISC has a proven track record of delivering the most innovative and reliable hardware for optical storage using the least amount of energy in its class. The DISC BD Library series features one of the industry's most advanced high-capacity storage solutions for complex and demanding archival requirements. The DISC BD Series capacity ranges from 1 TB to 34 TB and provides up to 14 parallel data streams at a 9MB/s or 18MB/s transfer rate. WORM and rewritable media are supported; offline data management is maintained by intelligent pack technology. The roadmap for Blu-ray media capacity includes 100GB and 200GB capacities. Microboards' supplies Blu-ray media that has been independently tested with a 50+ year media life using a patented hard coat finish technology.

"DISC remains the industry's preferred choice for optical storage in high-capacity archiving because we continue to deliver new advances in storage that align with the evolving requirements of our customers," said Horst Schellong, President of DISC Storage LLC "This new range of small-appliance solutions offers unmatched levels of flexibility and scalability that enable organizations to meet both content and compliance with a relatively small up-front investment."

"Providing reliable optical storage to local and remote users at this price point is a huge step forward for the storage industry," said Mike Laven, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Microboards Technology. "DISC's compact, scalable solution will enable us to address the needs of users for whom the size, complexity, and cost of solutions was previously prohibitive. We consider DISC to be a strategic vendor to meet our business goals."

Blu-safe connects via a USB 2.0 and can be accessed over the network or used as a repository for data and media center applications through the host PC. Supported operating systems include Windows Vista, 2003, XP, with up to 18 MB/s transfer rate. It is made of durable components with no wearing parts and is backed by a full warranty. It reads and writes to CD, DVD, and Blu-ray discs in a standard non-proprietary format (UDF), enabling your data to be readable outside the device and far in to the future. Blu-safe includes all necessary drivers and an HD media player.

Pricing and Availability

The new Blu-safe solution is available to ship in June 2008 through Microboards' channel of value-added resellers and integrators. The list price for the new Blu-safe appliance is \$4,990 (US MSRP). Specifications and warranty details are subject to change and are available by contacting Microboards or Disc technology.

About DISC

For 15 years and with more than 20,000 systems installed world wide DISC is recognized as one of the leading and innovative optical data storage suppliers. DISC customers represent a 'who is who' of industry, commerce and institutions worldwide. Their unique and patented robotics with their unequaled access speed is accepted to be amongst the most reliable and fastest available in the market today. They ensure "Made in Germany" quality by having all manufacturing centralized at their facilities in Bingen, Germany.

About Microboards

Microboards' is both a manufacturer and distributor of optical-disc based products. Known for their award-winning disc publishing and printing solutions, Microboards also distributes a wide range of solutions for recording, storing, and accessing content on optical and flash media.

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