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**SNIA AND HCLT RELEASE SMI-S TEST SUITE
FOR NEW CONFORMANCE TESTING PROGRAM**

*Testing Program Ensures SMI-S Delivers Significant Benefits to Vendors and
End Users*

New Delhi, April 28, 2004 — HCL Technologies (HCLT), a leading global IT solutions provider, today announced that the Storage Management Initiative-Specification (SMI-S) Test Suite developed for the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) has been successfully deployed.

The SMI-S Test Suite forms a component of the SNIA Conformance Testing Program (SNIA-CTP) and has achieved production status providing a uniform mechanism for storage vendors to verify conformance of their products with SMI specifications. The SNIA SMI-S Test Suite includes tests for 4 profiles, namely, Server, Array, Switch and Fabric profiles, 10 sub-profiles and 31 recipe tests for these profiles and sub-profiles. With the unprecedented participation of the industry making SMI-S a success, the SNIA plans to significantly enhance the Test Suite leading to SNIA-CTP 1.0.2. The enhancements include 4 new profiles (FC HBA, In Band Virtualization, Router and Storage Library) and 10 new subprofiles.

"The deployment of a uniform test suite for SMI-S strengthens the SNIA-CTP. Having the testing program solidified and products passing for conformance, is really a breakthrough moment for the SNIA, storage industry, and end users," **said Ed von Adelung, SNIA Interoperability Committee Chair and Member, SNIA Board of Directors.** "We are confident that with continued support from all, and HCLT's collaboration, the testing program will be a success."

Commenting on the successful launch of the SNIA-CTP, **S. Raman, COO and President, HCLT** said, "It is heartening to see the storage management initiative of the SNIA getting unparalleled industry support. HCLT is proud to be associated with the SNIA in this endeavor, and will continue its commitment towards the SNIA's initiatives towards open standards based solutions that ensure protection of investments made by end users in storage solutions over time."

The SNIA selected HCLT for its expertise in developing effective solutions for storage vendors and its successful history in developing reusable software components in Fibre Channel and iSCSI areas. HCLT has been involved in the development of the SMI-S test suite since the program initiation in February 2003 and has taken the lead in developing CIM, WBEM and iSCSI based management solutions.

The development of the SMI Test Suite posed many challenges including the evolving SMI-S, test specifications, provider development, and changing Profile XML files, and schema (MOF). To keep the momentum of the initiative, SNIA and HCLT demonstrated the proof-of-concept at SNW Spring 2003 and the beta phase at SNW Fall 2003.

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