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DOT HILL'S SANNET STORAGE SOLUTIONS EXCEL AT CERN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE NETWORKING FORUM

CARLSBAD, Calif.—November 1, 2001—Dot Hill Systems Corp., (NYSE: HIL) a leading provider of carrier-class information storage and storage area network (SAN) solutions, demonstrated its latest storage technologies at the fourth High Performance Networking Forum (HNF-Europe) hosted by CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research and the world's largest particle physics center. Dot Hill joined other industry leaders including IBM and Cisco Systems to demonstrate advanced technology that has been chosen to support CERN's ongoing high-end computing and storage requirements and to provide a gateway that will enable the next-generation DataGRID computing architecture. Dot Hill's demonstration showcased its new SANnet® Axis storage appliance in a high-availability configuration providing access to a SANnet 7128 fibre channel switchless SAN.

"One of the goals of the HNF workshop was to allow for a multi-vendor demonstration of interoperability, and Dot Hill's SANnet system performed seamlessly with IBM and Cisco hardware in Geneva," said Arie van Praag, Chairman of HNF Europe. "We were intrigued by Dot Hill's Axis, which not only allows for networking but also access to storage over the network, which is an important capability. One of the key elements of this project is a shared access file system that will work over new technology. Dot Hill has already addressed that issue with Global File System support built into Axis, making it well-suited for High Energy Physics, where it will be tested next summer during the ALICE experiment and for GRID applications."

CERN hosted the HNF-Europe conference to create new computing and networking technologies required for its Large Hydron Collider (LHC), the most powerful particle accelerator ever built and scheduled to go online in 2006. When the LHC is operational, it will present CERN scientists and researchers worldwide with unprecedented data storage and networking tasks. It is projected that the data acquired from the LHC tests will accumulate at the rate of one petabyte per month with a need for sustained data acquisition rates of one gigabyte per second. The HNF developments are providing the foundation to ensure that the DataGRID is a reality by the time the LHC comes online. The DataGRID will enable scientists worldwide to have access to the experiments and data from the LHC. More than 10,000 scientists working in 1000 institutions in 50 countries are involved in working on projects and experiments relating to the LHC.

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"CERN is the breeding ground for high-performance computing, and the scientists there are very excited about the SANnet Axis," said Bert van der Woning, managing director for Dot Hill EMEA. "To meet the challenges of this project, CERN is looking for partners with technical depth that can innovate with them to create new solutions. That's the reason Dot Hill was invited to participate in this project and why CERN has already deployed a large amount of Dot Hill equipment. Dot Hill has been selected by CERN as one of the vendors to provide the essential storage components for the DataGRID project. The DataGrid is essential to the LHC because it will enable scientists worldwide to access the experiments and data collected by the LHC. Dot Hill is very excited to be a part of this cutting-edge, important research."

Dot Hill is a leading independent provider of carrier-class data storage solutions and services. With SANnet solutions that include storage area networks, NEBS Level 3 certified systems for Telco and Internet operations, and world-class service capabilities, Dot Hill is uniquely positioned to address the storage requirements of mission-critical continuous computing environments. Dot Hill's customers include many of the world's leading Internet service providers, common carriers, service and equipment providers, advanced technology and telecommunications companies, and government agencies. Dot Hill is an ISO 9002 certified company, and its web site is www.dothill.com.

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