Press Release

Crossroads and Cube-Tec International cooperate on deep archiving of audio-visual media on LTO-tape.

Bremen, January 2012 – Crossroads Europe, leading supplier of tape backup solutions, and Cube-Tec International are cooperating to make long-term media archiving and quality monitoring for big data more secure and comfortable.

Cube-Tec is an early adopter of the newly available StrongBox technology from Crossroads and has integrated it into its CubeWorkflow management environment. Crossroads offers its patented solutions to be able to take advantage of both disk and tape based media for long time archival. The StrongBox is using LTO-5 tapes with its Linear Tape File System (LTFS) and as such offers an open standard, high availability storage technology. It not only writes the data to tape, but routinely checks it for readability, and starts a migration process before any data loss can occur.

StrongBox presents itself as a Network Attached Storage (NAS) device which can be mounted as a CIFS/NFS share. The archived files on tape stay permanently visible for the user. The big plus factor of this solution by Crossroads is its usage of the non-proprietary LTFS file system, which enables easy and flexible management of files. Through integration of the StrongBox into CubeWorkflow, the automation of the quality assurance and media migration processes is possible. Continuous quality checks, from retro-digitisation to cyclic tape migrations in the long time storage, are possible. All relevant process and quality information can be visualised in CubeWorkflow, for easy user supervision within CubeDashboard.

Bernd R. Krieger, Business Manager of Crossroads Europe GmbH: "StrongBox offers the best opportunity to supervise the quality of tape library assets. With its patented 'self-healing' function, tapes which are getting older are identified and the data contained automatically gets copied over, before read errors happen. We are happy that Cube-Tec realized the advantage of this new technology and quickly integrated it into their solution."

Joerg Houpert, Technical Director of Cube-Tec International GmbH: "In the past, magnetic tape backup systems were proprietary solutions which in practical experience produced big follow-up costs. Our products want to boost process and data security while significantly lowering Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) by open interfaces and intelligently automated solutions. Cube-Workflow, through cooperation with Crossroads, is able to directly access the internal management and quality assurance data in the StrongBox, evaluate it, and take safety measures - fully automated. Now users can enjoy the advantages of tape libraries to their full extent."

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About Crossroads:

Crossroads Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CRDS) offers solutions and services for data protection, long-term archival and reliable restoration. Crossroads offers broad data security, proactive data safety, intelligent storage connectivity, high performance and significant cost reduction.

Crossroads Systems was established in 1996, its headquarters is placed in Austin, TX, and its European head office is situated in Germany, near Stuttgart. More than 100 patents and patent applications and many awards show the innovation power of Crossroads in areas like data safety and storage.

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About Cube-Tec International

Cube-Tec International is well known for its outstanding mastering, restoration and archive solutions in the audio domain for more than 15 years now. Furthermore, Cube-Tec offers state-of the art products for content verification and process automation in modern file-based workflows using multiple quality evaluation methods. New solutions for moving image archiving and Digital Cinema have recently complemented the range of Cube-Tec's products and services.

DOBBIN, Cube-Tec's Media Rendering Farm provides distributed quality-controlled process automation for audiovisual content. In order to streamline and secure human-centric workflows in large-scale media processing projects, Cube-Tec has developed a workgroup solution called CubeWorkflow.

Cube-Tec's products are in use at world leading media companies and renowned government archives. With installations in more than 100 media archives in 22 countries, Cube-Tec today is in a leading position in this market. Cube-Tec's technology is licensed to companies like Adobe and Steinberg Media Technologies. Also, Cube-Tec is a member of various European research projects and international media standardisation boards like SMPTE, AMWA and EBU.

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