

XSI joins the local storage networking industry association (SNIA)

The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) ANZ today announced XSI Data Solutions, the largest Australian-owned and managed Data Storage company, as the latest member to join the association. Founded 18 years ago, XSI specialises in disk, tape and network-based storage solutions and is an expert in both NAS (Network Attached Storage) and SAN (Storage Area Network) strategies.

XSI co-founder and CEO, Max Goldsmith, commented: The SNIA is the only industry recognised authority on storage networking and represents most key players within the global storage community. XSI is proud to be one of these players. Our inclusion shows our commitment to the storage industry and to our valued customers. We look forward to taking an active role in developing storage networking industry standards and sharing best practice training and experience with the market.

SNIA ANZ, chairman, Mark Heers commented: On behalf of the SNIA ANZ, I welcome XSI and look forward to their participation as we continue our goal to increase awareness of storage networking solutions across the region. We hope that by having an Australian company like XSI on board it will encourage other local organisations to get involved and help drive our mission.

XSI's membership brings the local membership numbers up to 20. Current Voting members include: Acer, Brocade, Computer Associates, EMC, Hitachi Data Systems, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Imation, Network Appliance, Quantum SSG, Sun Microsystems and VERITAS Software and Non-Voting members: Adaptec, Cisco, eiStream, HdS NZ, Infinity I/O, Markom Marketing and Microsoft.

Companies interested in joining the SNIA ANZ can visit the website at: www.snia.org.au or email to: membership@snia.org.au for further information.

About XSI:

XSI Data Solutions is one of the strongest organisations in the Australian Data Storage market place. XSI is a leader in the disk, tape and network based solutions segment and has a premier position in the SAN and NAS marketplace. The company has 45 software and hardware engineers who operate from branches in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Canberra and Adelaide. XSI has more than 600 customer sites Australia-wide, including many of the Top 200 companies. XSI is part of UXC Limited, an Australian-owned ASX Top 300 company with market capitalisation of over \$7million and employs more than 1,000 staff. For further information visit www.xsi.com.au

About the SNIA:

The Storage Networking Industry Association is a not-for-profit organisation made up of more than 300 companies and individuals worldwide spanning virtually the entire storage industry. SNIA members share a common goal: to set the pace of the industry by ensuring that storage networks become efficient, complete and trusted solutions across the IT community. To this end, the SNIA is uniquely committed to delivering standards, education and services that will propel open storage networking solutions into the broader market.

For information about the SNIA ANZ, please e-mail to enquiries@snia.org.au or visit the SNIA ANZ Website at <http://www.snia.org.au>