



Seagate Technology To Open Up Patents In Fight Against COVID-19

The latest data storage innovations now available as part of the Open COVID Pledge and ongoing efforts to combat COVID-19 around the world

Sydney, AUSTRALIA, May 26, 2020 – Seagate® Technology plc (NASDAQ: STX), a world leader in data storage and management solutions, today announced that it has signed the Open COVID Pledge. The pledge grants free access to all of Seagate’s patented technologies to help enable diagnosing, preventing, containing, and treating of COVID-19. The mission of the Open COVID Pledge is to provide access to every tool at the disposal of businesses and society toward the goal of rapid development and deployment of technologies in a massive scale without impediment, in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. “Seagate’s mission is to maximise the potential of humanity,” said Seagate’s CEO Dr. Dave Mosley. “Never has that been more important than during the COVID-19 pandemic. Collaboration is going to be key in the efforts to fight the disease and minimise the lasting impact. The Open COVID Pledge is another of the amazing ways we can all work together, and Seagate is proud to be a part of this pledge to help enable critical access to powerful solutions for the good of humanity.” Seagate has already begun to take proactive steps in helping organisations around the world fight back against the pandemic. A few examples: At the onset of emergency in China, Seagate donated critical medical supplies to several hospitals in China’s Hubei Province, including three fully equipped negative-pressure ambulances. Seagate contributed storage and compute resources and employees volunteered their expertise to drive a positive impact on Folding@home’s COVID-19 program. Folding@home is a distributed-computing project that relies on a global network of volunteers who run complex simulations of protein dynamics on their personal computers. The insights from data are helping scientists better understand how diseases occur so they can develop targeted therapeutics. After a little more than a month of contributing to this project, Seagate’s team has produced impressive results, vaulting into the top one percent of worldwide teams in terms of productivity, with more than 9,000 completed work units. The faster a team can complete a work unit, the faster scientists can get to work studying these proteins and finding treatments for diseases like Alzheimer’s, COVID-19, cancer and many more. Seagate and Vent-19, a nonprofit developing affordable rapidly mass producible solutions to help people breathe with ventilators and other biomedical devices, are working together to apply Seagate’s strengths in high technology, high volume, and low-cost solutions to help fight the impact of Covid-19. Additionally, as part of Seagate’s long-term commitment to fuel its “Data4Good” program, a number of Seagate employees have volunteered their data science expertise and time to help various organisations focused on solving key issues associated with the pandemic. The program identifies opportunities for employees to directly contribute their skills and a portion of their time to fight against COVID-19 and makes it easy to apply their skills to bring about positive social impact. About Seagate Seagate crafts the datasphere, helping to maximise humanity’s potential by innovating world-class, precision-engineered data management solutions with a focus on sustainable partnerships. Learn more about Seagate by visiting www.seagate.com or following us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, and subscribing to our blog. ©2020 Seagate Technology LLC. All rights reserved. Seagate, Seagate Technology, and the Spiral logo are registered trademarks of Seagate Technology LLC in the United States and/or other countries. All other trademarks or registered trademarks are the property of their respective owners. Media Contact Pru Quinlan Einsteinz Communications Ph: +61 02 8905 0995 pru@einsteinz.com.au

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