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SNIA ANZ ANNOUNCES EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH DIMENSION DATA LEARNING SOLUTIONS

DDLS to provide expansion of SNIA SNCP education and certification

Sydney, 8th June 2010 – The Storage Networking Industry Association for Australia and New Zealand today announced a non-exclusive agreement with Dimension Data Learning Solutions (DDLS) to expand the availability of courses for the SNIA Storage Networking Certification Programme (SNCP).

Under the agreement, DDLS will assume responsibility for the delivery of SNIA courses at its facilities across Australia. This arrangement replaces the course programme previously managed by the SNIA ANZ management agency Evito. Evito will continue to monitor trainer accreditation and quality standards and will provide support to DDLS in the form of course content updates, marketing, and links into the certification exam refresh process. DDLS will use its own qualified trainers to deliver the classroom based courses for all three certification levels: Storage Foundations, Management and Administration, and Assessment Planning and Design.

This agreement will significantly increase the awareness and availability of vendor-neutral data storage education in the region and is a key element in the SNIA ANZ education strategy. Chairman of SNIA ANZ, Craig Scroggie stated: “We are delighted to be partnering with such a prestigious training organisation such as DDLS. We look forward to supporting DDLS as they help us achieve our long term strategic goals in storage education.”

“The increasing reliance on availability and security of information means that more IT professionals are realising that storage management needs to be a fundamental part of their credentials. We expect to see students demanding data storage training alongside other key IT disciplines such as systems administration, virtualisation and networking. It was important therefore to select a partner that specialises in all of those technologies and in DDLS we have made an excellent choice.”

DDLS General Manager David Gage said: “DDLS has a 20 year history working with all the best of breed technology vendors in training and certification and the addition of a storage networking certification is a natural one. The new partnership with the SNIA is a good fit and DDLS is excited to introduce the SNIA certifications to its customers.”



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About the SNIA

The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) is a not-for-profit global organisation made up of some 400 member companies plus their worldwide affiliates and 4,100 active individuals spanning virtually the entire storage industry. SNIA members share the common goal of leading the worldwide storage industry in developing and promoting standards, technologies, and educational services to empower organisations in the management of information. SNIA has a corporate mission to:

- Be the trusted advisor across all business segments and the recognised authority in storage technologies in support of information management.
- Be the catalyst for the development of information technologies and storage standards.
- Establish a strong international presence to address the needs and requirements of the local storage and information management marketplace.

SNIA ANZ is the affiliate responsible for the regional activities. SNIA ANZ is also a not-for-profit organisation registered in Australia and is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership each year to represent the Association. For additional information, visit the web site at www.snia.org or in ANZ visit www.snia.org.au

About DDLS

Dimension Data Learning Solution (DDLS) is Australia's largest provider of technical IT training, certification and professional development with 20 years experience providing high quality learning solutions. DDLS training courses cover technology, process and people and enable customers to successfully deploy technology, effectively manage processes and deliver quality service. DDLS have experienced, multi-certified instructors, high-end training equipment and latest course releases to meet customer-specific training and business requirements. DDLS have national training facilities with premises in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra. For more information www.ddls.com.au

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