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**WHITE PAPER OUTLINES HOW LTO ULTRIUM WORM TAPE TECHNOLOGY
CAN HELP ADDRESS REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

PALO ALTO, CALIF. — (Feb. 2, 2006) — HP, IBM Corporation and Quantum Corporation, the three technology provider companies for the Linear Tape-Open (LTO) Program, today announced the availability of a white paper, authored by Cohasset Associates that assessed the functionality of the LTO Ultrium WORM (Write Once, Read Many) magnetic tape technology relative to regulatory compliance associated with SEC Rule 17-a4(f). The rule outlines SEC regulations regarding management of and access to electronic records including how they are to be stored.

The paper, available at www.ultrium.com/whitepaper, is the result of an evaluation of LTO Ultrium WORM technology with respect to whether records being backed up or archived are preserved in a non-rewriteable, non-erasable format; whether the electronic storage medium automatically verifies the quality and accuracy of the media recording process; and whether the electronic storage medium serializes the original.

“Cohasset’s Compliance Assessment found the LTO Ultrium WORM magnetic tape storage technology provides the features and functionality that either directly meet the relevant requirements of SEC rule 17-a4(f) or allows the requirements to be met,” said Robert F. Williams, president of Cohasset Associates, Inc.

The conditions that an electronic storage system must meet in order to be SEC compliant are specified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission

“Storage administrators worldwide are increasingly looking for tools that help them address expanding regulatory compliance requirements,” said Bob Wilson, vice president, Nearline Storage Division, HP. “LTO Ultrium WORM technology incorporates key qualities that can play a significant role in addressing end users’ regulatory needs while providing cost-effective, long-term data archiving.”

Storage administrators continue to seek more powerful tape performance, new technologies such as WORM functionality to address ever-growing business requirements, and a roadmap vision

for the future. The LTO Program has addressed these issues with the LTO Ultrium format generation 3, LTO WORM, and a roadmap extension including generations five and six.

For more information about LTO Ultrium WORM technology, visit www.trustlto.com.

About Linear Tape-Open (LTO) Technology

LTO technology is a powerful, scaleable, adaptable open tape format created by technology providers HP, IBM Corporation and Quantum Corporation to help address the growing demands of data protection in the midrange to enterprise-class server environments. This ultra-high capacity generation of tape storage products is designed to deliver outstanding performance, capacity and reliability combining the advantages of linear multi-channel, bi-directional formats with enhancements in servo technology, data compression, track layout, and error correction.

The LTO Ultrium format has a well-defined roadmap for growth and scalability. The roadmap represents intentions and goals only. There is no guarantee that these goals will be achieved. Compliance verification is vital to meet the free-interchange objectives that are at the core of the LTO Program. Ultrium tape mechanism and tape cartridge interchange specifications are available on a licensee basis. For additional information on LTO technology, visit the LTO Program website at www.ultrium.com.

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