CommVault Extends Support for VMware in QiNetix 6.1 Unified Data Management Suite

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Key Functionality Supports Enterprises as They Turn to Virtualization to Consolidate Systems and Strengthen DR Initiatives

OCEANPORT, N.J., Sept 29, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- (Nasdaq: CVLT) -- As enterprises turn to virtualization to consolidate servers and strengthen Disaster Recovery capability, data protection for virtual machines becomes a business-critical issue. CommVault(R), a leading provider of Unified Data Management(TM) solutions, today announced that it has increased its support for customers using virtualization, completing certification with VMware ESX 3.0 and extending its support for the VMware Consolidated Backup (VCB) feature in the CommVault QiNetix 6.1 Unified Data Management Suite. With this new capability customers gain greater support for enterprise virtualization and backup consolidation and robust disaster recovery at reduced costs.

New VMware Advancements Strengthen and Simplify Disaster Recovery Efforts

CommVault VMware VCB support uses CommVault's easy, "point-and-click" recovery process in which protected data is associated with the client system, and can be restored in a single step. The process makes it easy to run and manage VMware clients with "real" clients in mixed deployments. CommVault's extended support for VMware systems includes protection of the VMware physical system and capture of crash-consistent disk file images, significantly strengthening customers' disaster recovery support.

These advancements have been especially helpful to companies like Ricoh Corporation, a diversified office automation equipment and electronics provider, which recently began testing CommVault's new capability.

"Ricoh has been a CommVault customer for four years, and has trusted CommVault to backup more than 200 servers in our distributed systems environment, which includes many VMware systems. As we harden our DR plan, we are looking to take advantage of the benefits of an integrated VMware and CommVault solution," said Dave Caporaso, manager, Technical Services, Ricoh Corporation. "CommVault's products together with their DR best practice recommendations will allow us to maintain a competitive advantage as we move to consolidate backups and streamline operations using VCB."

"VMware implementations are booming, with one of the few things holding back production rollouts being the ability to have tightly integrated backup and recovery capabilities of virtual machines, no matter where they are or where they move to," said Steve Duplessie, founder and senior analyst, Enterprise Strategy Group. "CommVault support for VMware goes far beyond just backup and puts disaster recovery right into the hands of the VMware administrator -- enabling them to bring up a virtual machine anywhere and keep all the associated data instantly recoverable. It's really smart stuff."

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    Advanced VMware support highlights include:

    --  CommVault integration with VMware enables unified, point-and-click
        management of virtual machines and physical systems
    --  LAN-free backup capabilities deliver simple restores
    --  Certification with VMware ESX Server 3.0
    --  Integrated support for VMware  VCB to support consolidated backups in
        virtualized environments
    --  Robust Disaster Recovery support by protecting the VMware physical
        system and capture of crash-consistent disk file images
    --  Support for VMotion, which provides continual recovery of data,
        allowing administrators to move virtual servers among physical
        servers, speeding upgrades and enabling automatic load balancing in a
        server farm
    --  CommVault ProxyHost links VCB backups to client virtual machines and
        includes easy point-and-click restores of VCBs
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"CommVault's tight integration with VMware and VCB is designed to make LAN-free backup and solid disaster recovery support a reality," said David West, vice president of marketing and business development, CommVault. "These enhancements make it clear that CommVault provides a smarter, simple path to ensure data is easily managed and recoverable in enterprise environments."

For more information about CommVault's support for VMware, listen to the CommVault-VMware webinar at http://www.commvault.com , or visit the VMware solutions page at http://www.commvault.com/solutions/vmware .

About CommVault

CommVault(R) provides Unified Data Management(TM) solutions for high- performance data protection, universal availability and simplified management of data on complex storage networks. The CommVault(R) QiNetix(TM) platform, based on CommVault's Common Technology Engine, integrates Galaxy backup and recovery, snapshot management and recovery, remote replication, active data migration and archiving, e-mail compliance, enterprise service level management and reporting and storage resource management software solutions. The QiNetix unified approach

is designed to allow customers to add/integrate QiNetix components, at a fraction of the time, effort and money required by separate point products.

Information about CommVault is available at http://www.commvault.com or by calling 732 870-4000. CommVault's corporate headquarters is located in Oceanport, New Jersey in the United States. (cvlt-pd)

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