New Zealand's Southern Institute of Technology unleashes opportunity in data with Commvault and Spark Digital

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Nov. 18, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- New Zealand's Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) has today announced the deployment of Commvault's integrated data protection and information management solution across the enterprise to underpin its data management strategy.

A leader in enterprise data protection and information management

The single platform for data protection, deduplication, archiving and search has enabled the tertiary education institution to minimise business risk, reduce manpower required to manage information and support the technology team's ability to fulfill a role as a strategic business enabler.

In partnership with local ICT consultancy, Spark Digital, SIT chose Commvault's single powered data management platform to support the information needs of nearly 12,500 students, as well as research, academic and support staff. This has, for the first time, given SIT unprecedented visibility into its data assets and reduced risk through an overhauled business continuity and recovery capability.

Prior to implementing Commvault, Nick Elder, ITS Manager at the Southern Institute of Technology, said managing information, particularly back-ups, was a long process for his technicians, who were faced with data growth of 10 terabytes each year.

"We needed staff to spend less time managing data and more time devoted to strategic activities," said Elder. "Previously, one of our engineers would spend half a day, each day, managing back-ups. Today with the more holistic solution that Commvault offers, that takes minutes and gives us a lot more confidence in the management of our data assets."

In addition to the time saving benefits, Elder also wanted a solution that would not put additional pressure on his team during the installation phase.

"When we first installed the platform a year ago, I was genuinely surprised we were able to go live within two weeks of starting the process. My previous experience with these types of installations typically took up to six months, so it was very efficient."

With staff amassing considerable volumes of teaching materials and expecting ongoing accessibility of this information, SIT is now able look into its enterprise data usage and identify valuable inactive resources to manage with Commvault's OnePass solution for automatic archiving, while remaining easily accessible and retrievable.

"At the back end, Commvault OnePass ensures unused data automatically moves to disk after two years, before going to tape a year later. The benefit of Commvault is that this just happens in the background, which makes it easy for our staff, as files appear to be in the same location and can be quickly available as required," Elder added.

"Superior management of critical business information is now firmly planted on the executive agenda, and organisations in New Zealand are at the forefront of adoption," said Prasanna Gulasekharam, Commvault's Country Manager for New Zealand. "Our strong partnership with expert consultancy, Spark Digital, ensures we are jointly well positioned to enable our customers to successfully manage the full information lifecycle and drive enablement for their business."

About Commvault

Commvault is a leading provider of data protection and information management solutions, helping companies worldwide activate their data to drive more value and business insight and to transform modern data environments. With solutions and services delivered directly and through a worldwide network of partners and service providers, Commvault solutions comprise one of the industry's leading portfolios in data protection and recovery, cloud, virtualization, archive, file sync and share. Commvault has earned accolades from customers and third party influencers for its technology vision, innovation, and execution as an independent and trusted expert. Without the distraction of a hardware business or other business agenda, Commvault's sole focus on data management has led to adoption by companies of all sizes, in all industries, and for solutions deployed on premise, across mobile platforms, to and from the cloud, and provided as-a-service. Commvault employs more than 2,000 highly skilled individuals across markets worldwide, is publicly traded on NASDAQ (CVLT), and is headquartered in Tinton Falls, New Jersey in the United States. To learn more about Commvault — and how it can help make your data work for you — visit commvault.com.

About Southern Institute of Technology

Southern Institute of Technology is one of New Zealand's largest institutes of technology, with over 12,000 students in 2014. Established in 1971, SIT has since become famous for its Zero Fees Scheme.

About Spark Digital

Spark Digital provides end-to-end information and communication technology solutions to New Zealand business and government.

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