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## Qualstar Expands Rack Mount Tape Library Family

*RLS-8444H leverages half-high LTO drive density*

**SIMI VALLEY, Calif., December 19, 2008** — Qualstar® Corporation (NASDAQ: QBAK), a manufacturer of automated tape storage solutions today announced the immediate availability of the RLS-8444H, the newest member of its widely regarded RLS-Series Rack Mount Tape Library family designed specifically for archival storage, backup and data protection applications.

The RLS-8444H Rack Mount Library houses up to four IBM half-high LTO 3 or LTO 4 Ultrium tape drives to provide the high data transfer rates that users need to handle their ever-expanding data security requirements. Using LTO 4 drives, the library's native data transfer rate exceeds 1.7 terabytes per hour. With built-in hardware data compression, the transfer rate can exceed 3.5 terabytes per hour.

The RLS-8444H ships with 44 tape cartridge slots, delivering over 35 terabytes of native capacity using LTO 4 format drives and media. Most data types can be compressed at least 2:1, yielding real-world capacities exceeding 70 terabytes. The RLS-8444H uses only 5U (8.75 inches) of rack space, making it an ideal choice for small and midsize companies faced with rapidly growing data retention and protection requirements and limited space.

"The RLS-8444H extends our broad family of innovative, cost-effective rack mount data protection solutions," said William Gervais, president and CEO of Qualstar. "Backing up and archiving data to magnetic tape secured offline is still the most dependable way to isolate and protect critical information. Automatically removing media to offsite storage is a fundamental advantage offered by tape library-based data protection that disk-based offerings lack."

Like all Qualstar *Simply Reliable* rack mount tape libraries, the RLS-8444H includes

Q-Link™, a browser-based remote library manager that enables users to control any unit from across the room using the local intranet, or from around the world via the Internet. Q-Link enables administrators to configure the library, monitor operations, control access and receive e-mail alerts using a built-in, policy-based event notification system. Q-Link delivers significant savings by allowing companies to deploy and manage effective backup data protection to remote locations that lack on-site systems administration.

The RLS-8444H, like all other Qualstar tape libraries, is sold and supported worldwide through selected, authorized Resellers.

### **About Qualstar Corporation**

Qualstar manufactures automated tape libraries and power supplies. Its products are known throughout the world for energy efficiency and rugged, *Simply Reliable* designs yielding years of trouble-free operation. Qualstar tape libraries are sold, installed and supported worldwide to backup, archive and protect data from incidental and catastrophic loss. Its N2Power brand switching power supplies are sold worldwide to OEM manufacturers who require both industry-leading high power efficiency and very small size for their products. Qualstar Corporation is publicly traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol QBAK. More information is available at [www.qualstar.com](http://www.qualstar.com), [www.n2power.com](http://www.n2power.com) or by phone at 805-583-7744.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements concerning the future business, operating results and financial condition of the Company are “forward-looking” statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based upon management’s current expectations and are subject to a number of uncertainties that could cause actual performance and results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect the Company’s actual results include the Company’s ability to increase sales of its tape libraries; rescheduling or cancellation of customer orders; unexpected shortages of critical components; unexpected product design or quality problems; and, adverse changes in market demand for tape libraries or other Qualstar products. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Further information on these and other potential factors that could affect the Company’s financial results or condition are included in Qualstar’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In particular, reference is made to the “Risk Factors” section of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, and to the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” sections of its Form 10-K and its most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

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