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Qualstar Certifies ATTO XstreamCORE® 8100T for Seamless Integration with Qualstar Q-Series Tape Libraries

Validated Compatibility Delivers Easy, Flexible, and Secure LTO Tape Storage Access for Data-Intensive Environments

Amherst, NY (February 17, 2026) – Qualstar Corporation (OTC: QBAK), a trusted provider of scalable tape storage solutions, and ATTO Technology, Inc., a global leader in high-performance storage connectivity, today announced the successful testing and certification of ATTO XstreamCORE 8100T Intelligent Bridge with Qualstar's complete Q-Series family of tape libraries, from the Q8 through the new Q1000+. This qualification enables organizations to integrate high-capacity LTO tape storage—supporting LTO-8, LTO-9, and LTO-10—into virtually any IT environment with exceptional ease and flexibility.

ATTO XstreamCORE 8100T bridges up to four SAS tape drives to dual 10Gb Ethernet ports via iSCSI, allowing Qualstar's Q-Series libraries to connect over standard Ethernet networks. This certified integration simplifies deployment, eliminates traditional direct-attach limitations, and supports the growing demands of long-term data preservation in media & broadcast, scientific and medical research, supercomputing, and AI processing workflows.

Qualstar and ATTO: Unlocking Flexible, Secure LTO Tape Storage

Data-intensive industries face exploding storage needs for infrequently accessed but critical archives. The certified Qualstar Q-Series with ATTO XstreamCORE 8100T solution addresses this with:

- **Ease of Integration:** Seamless compatibility brings LTO tape storage into any Ethernet-based environment without complex proprietary protocols or hardware changes.
- **Flexible Library Location:** Tape libraries no longer need to reside in the creative or primary compute space—place them securely in a remote, locked facility while remaining virtually accessible as if local.
- **Enhanced Security:** Physical separation of tape media under lock and key reduces exposure risks while maintaining high-performance access for authorized users.

- **Scalable High-Capacity Retention:** Supports hundreds of terabytes to petabytes using reliable LTO-8, LTO-9, and LTO-10 technology, with Qualstar's energy-efficient designs and no slot licensing fees or proprietary software lock-in.
- **Cost Efficiency:** Lowers total cost of ownership (TCO) through simplified access, reduced infrastructure complexity, and Qualstar's independent manufacturing advantages.

"The Partnership between ATTO and Qualstar has expanded the reach of Qualstar's portfolio of data storage solutions to everywhere in an organization's environment," said Steven Bronson, CEO of Qualstar. "This new qualification further reduces the Total Cost of Ownership of LTO data storage by simplifying access to all our tape library solutions."

"Organizations in media, research, and high-performance computing need reliable, affordable ways to scale archive storage without sacrificing accessibility or security," said Tim Klein, CEO of ATTO Technology. "Our XstreamCORE 8100T, now certified with Qualstar's Q-Series libraries, delivers exactly that—easy Ethernet-based integration that keeps tape flexible, secure, and cost-effective."

Engineered for Media, Research, and High-Performance Computing Archives

Ideal for media & broadcast production houses, scientific and medical research institutions, supercomputing centers, and AI-driven workflows—where retaining massive datasets long-term is essential—this certified solution combines Qualstar's robust, independent tape libraries with ATTO's intelligent bridging for fast, secure access over existing networks.

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About ATTO

For over 35 years, ATTO Technology, Inc. has been a global leader specializing in network and storage connectivity and infrastructure solutions for the most data-intensive computing environments. ATTO works closely with its partners to create the world's best end-to-end data delivery, management, and storage solutions.

About Qualstar

Founded in California in 1984, Qualstar Corporation (OTC: QBAK) is a trusted provider of digital storage solutions with more than 35,000 units sold worldwide. The company designs and manufactures scalable, energy-efficient tape libraries that safeguard critical, infrequently accessed data for long-term preservation. As the last independent tape library manufacturer, Qualstar provides customers with flexibility free from proprietary software lock-in or slot licensing fees and delivers faster turnaround times than many larger competitors. Backed by over four decades of innovation and a strong installed base, Qualstar has earned a reputation for reliability in serving organizations across a wide range of data-intensive industries.

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