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Reactive Group acquires Arraid, a US-based legacy data storage specialist, and revamps products using solid state technology

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ARRAID[®]
Data Storage Solutions



Reading, UK – 8th June 2017. Reactive Group, a leading independent company specialising in the design, manufacture, sales and support of data storage and networking products, has acquired Arraid Inc., based in Phoenix, Arizona in the USA. Arraid is a manufacturer of replacement data storage solutions for ageing disk, tape and floppy drives on legacy computer systems and its acquisition is a natural extension of Reactive Group's specialist engineering heritage in prolonging the life of legacy computer systems.

Reactive Group is also taking the opportunity to further improve the performance and reliability of the Arraid product line by revamping the complete range of Arraid replacement drives with solid state disk technology from its existing Solid State Disks subsidiary, which also manufactures solid state replacements for ageing disk, tape and floppy drives.

"The acquisition of Arraid significantly expands our existing 'Through Life Support' capabilities with regard to ageing, obsolete and end-of-life disk, tape and floppy drives on legacy computer systems," said James Hilken, Director of the Reactive Group. "Through Life Support is a phrase increasingly used for equipment that is in the later stages of life but still needs to be maintained and kept fully operational."

Ageing, obsolete and end-of-life disk, tape and floppy drives are generally the weakest links in vital, legacy computer systems due to their mechanical nature and the failure potential of their moving parts. Arraid's products are used extensively in both commercial and Government markets in a range of applications including ATE, broadcast & video, healthcare, defence, power & utility, printing & publishing, process control, semiconductor manufacturing, simulation & training, and telephony. Typically, customers have incurred large investments in unique or non-portable software running on legacy computer systems which the original manufacturers (e.g. DEC, Encore, Honeywell, IBM, Wang, etc.) are no longer able or willing to support.

Integrating proprietary FPGA-based technology and industrial grade CompactFlash (CF) cards as the media, Arraid manufactures new drive replacements for SMD, HISI, HPIB, MAC, OMTI, Pertec and XMD protocols, and several other legacy drive replacements including SCSI-1 and SCSI-2 and floppy disk drives. Legacy computer systems simply see Arraid's drives as if they are the original drives, enabling them to be field-replaced without the need for any software changes.

"Arraid's replacement drives extend the life of critical legacy computer systems, protecting valuable system

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software and reducing downtime. Additionally, they eliminate maintenance headaches and media problems as well as reduce operational costs,” concluded James Hilken.

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About Reactive Group

Founded in 1989, Reactive Group is a privately-owned company specialising in the design, manufacture, sales and support of data storage and networking products. Reactive Group has two distinct focuses of operation: the OEM distribution of solid state disk drives through direct franchise agreements with top tier Flash drive manufacturers including APRO, Innodisk, Sandisk, SMART Modular Technologies and Transcend Industrial Product Solutions; and the manufacture of legacy emulation storage solutions for the defence, aerospace, telecom, semiconductor, industrial process control, oil & gas and media industries including service and maintenance support of tape, disk and optical emulation products. ISO 9001:2008 and NATO NCage certification guarantees the highest levels of expertise, professionalism and care. For further information, please visit: <http://www.reactive-group.com>.

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