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COMPELLENT AWARDED GOLD “BEST OF VMWORLD 2008” IN “HARDWARE FOR VIRTUALIZATION” CATEGORY FROM SEARCHSERVERVIRTUALIZATION.COM

Compellent SAN Recognized as Ideal Virtualized Storage Platform for the Virtual Data Center

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn., Sept. 19, 2008 – Compellent Technologies, Inc. (NYSE Arca: CML) today announced it has received a Gold “Best of VMworld 2008” Award in the “Hardware for Virtualization” category. The Compellent Storage Center 4.0 storage area network (SAN) was recognized as the ideal storage platform for the virtual data center built with VMware server virtualization technology.

“The ‘Best of VMworld 2008’ Award recognizes the reduced costs, automated disaster recovery and greener facilities enterprises can experience by combining VMware and Compellent virtualization,” said Bruce Kornfeld, vice president of marketing, Compellent. “We continue to collaborate closely with virtualization leaders like VMware to provide the most flexible end-to-end virtualization platforms, regardless if they’re being deployed at a customer’s data center or as shared resources for cloud IT services.”

An independent team of judges consisting of 13 experts and editors from TechTarget’s SearchServerVirtualization.com and its sister site, SearchVMware.com, reviewed and evaluated the products on the basis of innovation, value, performance, reliability and ease-of-use. Only products currently available for purchase were considered for all award categories.

Compellent is a VMware Global Technology Alliance Program partner, and the Compellent SAN is HCL-certified with VMware. The active collaboration with VMware extends to support for VMware Site Recovery Manager, ensuring seamless integration for automated disaster recovery. Details on Compellent’s interoperability with VMware are available at www.compellent.com/vmware, and information on how the Compellent SAN is designed to be the smartest storage for server virtualization is available at www.compellent.com/virtual.

About SearchServerVirtualization.com

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About Compellent

Compellent is a leading provider of enterprise-class network storage solutions that are highly scalable, feature-rich and designed to be easy to use and cost effective. Compellent Technologies' principal offices are located in Eden Prairie, Minn. For more information, please visit: <http://www.compellent.com>.

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