



## **Vicom Systems Introduces 4 Gbit SAN Appliance for Apple Storage Systems**

Vmirror™ 4G Paves Way for Bullet-Proof, Next-Gen Apple Video Solutions

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Redwood City, California – April 16, 2007— Vicom Systems, provider of transparent wire-speed data services for systems and storage, today announced the introduction of Vmirror™ 4G, a new, 4 Gbit/second model of the company's high-availability SAN appliances for Apple Computer's Xserve RAID storage systems and Xserve systems. Vmirror appliances deliver continuous, high-availability access and data protection for mission-critical applications in IT infrastructure and digital video post-production and broadcast. The new Vmirror design paves the way for future support of 4 Gb Xserve RAID systems expected from Apple this year.

### **Guaranteed Data Access at 4-Gbit Fibre Channel Speeds**

Vmirror is a purpose-built, Fibre Channel appliance that routes and mirrors data from attached Apple host systems to Xserve RAID SANs at Fibre Channel line speeds. More important, Vmirror ensures critical applications have uninterruptible access to mirrored sets of data by creating dual, redundant paths between servers and storage. In the event of a component outage on either path, Vmirror switches to the alternate, working path without interrupting host system operation, an exacting requirement for high-definition video applications that require continuous data streams to operate properly.

Because Vmirror sits on the data path between host systems and storage, any data services provided by the appliance must be at least as fast as the attached servers and storage. In moving from 2 Gb to 4 Gb architecture, the new Vmirror 4G appliance will align with Apple's Xserve, SAN, and 4 Gb Xserve RAID systems when shipped by Apple. The new design is expected to increase Vmirror's throughput above its current rated speed of 350 MB/second, keeping pace with the broadcast industry's move to increasingly higher definition video formats and faster data streaming rates.

"While the current Vmirror appliance is more than adequate to support HD video editing and broadcast needs, we find that customers are looking for ways to future-proof their investments," said Sam Tam, Vicom's CEO. "Because infrastructure change always takes awhile, the introduction of Vmirror 4G is our way of ensuring we're ready when the next wave of higher definition video hits — which we believe is imminent," said Tam.

### **Pricing and Availability**

Packaged in a 1U, rack mount package, the Vmirror 4G appliance includes mirroring software and hardware. Model VM4-2 is a clustered appliance with dual SAN engines that provides continuous, high-availability data access and mirrored data protection, while Model VM4-1 is a single-engine appliance that pairs with a second appliance to provide remote mirroring via Fibre Channel connection. The models are priced at \$18,995 and \$10,995, respectively. They will ship in the second quarter of 2007.

## **About Vicom Systems**

Vicom Systems is a privately held company in Redwood City, California. Vicom specializes in the delivery of transparent, wire speed data services for systems and storage. Vicom delivers on the long-standing promise of SANs: seamless consolidation, any-to-any connection, simplified management, and high availability. Vicom products and services have been selected by OEMs including IBM, Sun Microsystems, and Hewlett-Packard. Enterprise customers include Deutsche Bank, Bloomberg, Caterpillar Tractor, NFL Films and Korea Broadcasting. For more information on Vicom, please visit [www.vicom.com](http://www.vicom.com).

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