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Dear StorageWorks HS*x*-Series Array Controller Customer,

This package contains the new HS*x*-series HSOF Version 2.5 firmware. This firmware includes support for a new licensed feature, Disk Mirroring, as well as additional availability, performance, and functionality enhancements:

HSOF Version 2.5 provides the following improved features and performance:

- Improved availability with error correction code (ECC) incorporated in HSOF Version 2.5 firmware at the PCMCIA card level
- Improved I/O performance with HSZ40 and HSD30 array controllers and host adapter combinations
- Support for the StorageWorks RZ29B 4.3 GB disk drive
- Enhanced disk copy data (DCD) performance
- Storage Library System (SLS) in conjunction with HSOF Version 2.5 provides random access loading capability for the TZ867 tape drive
- HSZ40 array controller failover

With the release of Version 2.5 firmware, we are using improved reliability PCMCIA cards as our firmware media. The inclusion of error correction code (ECC) within Version 2.5 firmware in combination with the PCMCIA cards will provide an anticipated tenfold improvement in firmware availability. Installation of HSOF Version 2.5 therefore provides significant availability and reliability improvement at the subsystem level.

For more information on the new and improved features and performance of HSOF Version 2.5, please refer to the accompanying release notes and user's guide.

For information on optional disk mirroring or to purchase a license, please contact your Digital sales representative or Digital distributor. You may request additional information on StorageWorks products by dialing the StorageWorks hotline at (800) StorWor (800–786–7967) in the United States, or you may dial (508) 841–7000.

We encourage you to install HSOF Version 2.5 firmware at your earliest convenience. Prompt installation ensures the highest level of HS*x*-series array controller functionality, performance, and reliability.

Sincerely,

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