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ARC Extends Relationship with STEC

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WASHINGTON, Mar 06, 2008 (ASCRIBE NEWS via COMTEX) -- [ATVL](#) | [news](#) | [PowerRating](#) | [PR Charts](#) -- ARC International announced that STEC, a supplier of solid state drives (SSDs), has extended its existing relationship with ARC and taken a new license for ARC's configurable [technology](#).

The new license from a flash memory supplier enhances ARC's position as one of the suppliers in this growing market, which is forecast to surpass 1 billion units shipped per year according to Semico Research Corp. This latest STEC implementation of ARC's configurable core is contained in STEC's new MACH4 CompactFlash device.

STEC's ARC-Based MACH4 enhances its SSD offering by providing CompactFlash storage with twice the [data transfer rate](#) (up to 80MB/s) of other CompactFlash devices. This performance opens up a new opportunity with professional video equipment manufacturers, who have found hard drives a less-than-optimum storage media for high definition (HD) video. HD video cameras now have an SSD replacement for hard drives, which provide comparable storage capacity, but are smaller, consume less power, have no mechanical vibration, and offer higher performance.

Patrick Wilkison, Vice President of marketing and business development at STEC, said, "ARC's configurable technology has enabled our engineering team to create a highly differentiated product that provides a more optimized computing platform to system OEMs. The result is a solution that delivers higher value by greatly speeding access to stored digital and multimedia content."

Bill Jackson, Vice President of marketing at ARC International, said, "STEC is among our growing list of customers in the solid state storage market who recognize that providing superior performance to their OEM customers is the way to assure product success. We applaud their ingenuity and ability to develop a unique and innovative ARC-Based solution."