

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**OakGate Technology and Daichu Technologies announce joint partnership to develop the industry's most advanced SSD testers**

EPIC Series testers from Daichu will be powered by OakGate's SVF and Greenlight software suites to deliver cutting edge test infrastructure for next generation SSDs

Loomis, California and Hanyu, Saitama prefecture, Japan; May 8, 2017 — OakGate Technology, the industry leader in high-performance test solutions for flash storage and Daichu Technologies, the highly respected provider of production testers for storage; announced that the two companies are collaborating to deliver the industry's most advanced and versatile testers for SSDs and flash storage.

“Over the years, OakGate has provided test solutions that are based on our long experience in understanding the unique requirements of customers during various phases of SSD development,” stated Bob Weisickle, founder and CEO of OakGate Technology. “The EPIC series of testers incorporate OakGate's knowledge of industry best practices and Daichu's proven manufacturing test expertise. We are confident EPIC testers will serve the needs of a broad range of customers with advanced, best in class features,” added Mr. Weisickle.

The EPIC Series of testers will be showcased at the 20th Embedded Systems Expo (ESEC) being held at Tokyo Big Sight venue from May 10 through May 12. OakGate and Daichu will be displaying each company's industry leading SSD test solutions at the West Hall, booth West 3-64. Debuting at the ESEC will be Daichu's unique EPIC-10C1 turnkey SSD tester running OakGate's highly acclaimed Storage Validation Framework (SVF) and Greenlight Manufacturing test software suites. Designed for SSDs supporting NVMe protocol, this 10-slot system features a temperature range of ambient to 85 degrees Celsius in a very compact footprint. EPIC series all testers support OakGate's software suites. There are models which can control temperature ranging from -40 degrees Celsius to +85 degrees Celsius and can accommodate from 60 to 300 drives.

“We are delighted to offer the EPIC series of SSD testers in partnership with OakGate. Daichu has a long history of providing highly reliable storage testers to some of the world's most renowned storage suppliers. By adding advanced OakGate software to the EPIC family, we are significantly enhancing capabilities of Daichu testers for the next generation of SSDs and flash storage,” said Yoshihiro Sasaki, President and CEO of Daichu Technologies Co., Ltd. “With support for all popular storage protocols and temperature ranges that are unmatched in the

industry, the EPIC Series of testers will appeal to the most discerning customers worldwide,” added Mr. Sasaki.

Several models of the EPIC Series testers are available for shipment. EPIC Series testers can accommodate up to 100 SSDs supporting NVMe protocol. EPIC testers for SAS/SATA with more test capacity are also planned. Also in development are Models that can support 60 and 300 SSDs. EPIC testers for SAS/SATA with similar test capacity and capabilities are also planned. Please contact Daichu or OakGate for further information.

About OakGate Technology

OakGate Technology Inc. (www.oakgatetech.com) is a leading provider of test, validation, and benchmarking test platform to the storage industry. OakGate’s highly-capable and flexible platforms support all popular storage protocols and are based on advanced, proprietary software, and industry standard hardware. OakGate’s products have been deployed by top tier components suppliers, drive manufacturers, and storage system OEMs worldwide. Based in Loomis, California, OakGate Technology was founded in 2008 by industry veterans from storage and server industries.

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About Daichu Technologies

Daichu Technologies Co., Ltd. (<http://www.daichutec.co.jp>) is a highly reputed, diversified provider of storage manufacturing testers, electromechanical products, multimedia products and engineering manufacturing services. The company has been a supplier of manufacturing testers for world’s leading suppliers of hard disk drives and flash storage. The Established in 1980, Daichu is headquartered in Hanyu, Saitama prefecture, Japan and has offices in Yokohama and Hong Kong.

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