

## **STX ForceTec Acquires Holographic Assets from DCE Aprilis Inc.**

*New subsidiary, STX Aprilis Inc., to accelerate development of holographic data storage*

**Maynard, Mass. – May 27, 2008** - STX ForceTec announced acquiring the assets from the holographic data storage business of DCE Aprilis, Inc. of Maynard, MA. DCE Aprilis is a privately-held developer of holographic materials and technology solutions for various light management applications, such as Solar concentrators, Aiming devices, LCD reflectors, as well as next generation optical data storage systems after Blu-ray that enable enterprises and consumers to efficiently store, manage, and access large volumes of data.

STX Aprilis, based in Maynard, Massachusetts USA, newly formed as a 100% wholly subsidiary company of STX ForceTec and will continue the development and commercialization of holographic technology

“As a subsidiary of STX Group, STX ForceTec is doing a comprehensive Information Technology Service Business in the field of System Integration, IT Outsourcing, e-Business, Consultation and Shipbuilding Design. We are now rapidly expanding our business into Global sectors. To compete against Global major players in the market, we realized we need to have our own leading-edge fundamental technology in the near future. We believe that STX Aprilis’ unique and already proven Holographic technology, recognized and acknowledged worldwide for its outstanding performance, will be used in various fields as well as for both Enterprise and Consumer data storage markets. With the excellent leading-edge holographic technology of STX Aprilis, the talented STX Aprilis scientists and engineers will make substantial contributions to STX ForceTec’s Global Brand and Business. Mr. Heonsoo Rhee with more than 25 years experiences in the IT industry with a variety of leadership positions in global companies such as IBM, Cisco, Nortel, and Samsung has been appointed President and CEO of STX Aprilis. Additionally, STX Aprilis has hired scientists and engineers formerly employed by DCE Aprilis Inc., including Dr. David Waldman, Executive VP of Engineering and CTO. Under Mr. Rhee’s leadership as CEO and abundant experiences in major global big players, STX Aprilis is going to be one of the very successful companies in the world.” said HyoJoong Kim, President and CEO of STX ForceTec.

“With a portfolio of more than 130 US and foreign granted and pending patents, STX Aprilis’ holographic technology and media products are differentiated and protected in the market and have exciting potential in data storage and other optical component markets such as Solar Industry, LCD Industry, and in applications for Aiming devices and Antitheft/Anticounterfeiting of optical media. In its application to data storage, STX Aprilis intellectual property is of fundamental importance, covering essential elements of optical architectures for read/write optics in drives using disk and card form factors, essential innovations in multiplexing methods, required to maximize areal density, positioning, alignment, mounting and servo methods, enhanced read methods, hybrid storage systems, and elements of recording materials, media design and manufacturing, media replication, and packaging. During the past years, the scientists and engineers have been making tremendous progress in the area of holographic technologies. It is a time to transform the company to more business-centric company based on the already developed holographic technology. We will accelerate the business using the holographic technology in various applications in the additional markets as well as data

storage. I am very excited to formally announce today that STX Aprilis resumes its business for the current partners and customers to provide its own developed holographic materials, solutions as well as consulting services.” said Heonsoo Rhee, new President and CEO of STX Aprilis.

**STX Aprilis, Inc.** based in Maynard, Mass., is a developer of holographic media and data storage systems for the optical storage industry. The company was founded on the vision of creating best-in-class storage devices based upon proprietary holographic data storage technologies. STX Aprilis’ products, including its award winning media, are designed to provide the highest value of combined capacity, performance, and reliability. STX Aprilis holographic technology solutions are ideal for near-line access to vast amounts of data, including image databases, multimedia applications and data warehousing.