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The Situs Companies Makes its Data Hurricane-Proof With EVault Cloud-Connected Software and Services

*EVault Disk-Based Backup & Remote Recovery Reduces Real Estate Consultancy's
Backup Management Time From Hours to Minutes*

SANTA CLARA, CA – August 17, 2011 — [i365](#) Inc., A Seagate Company (NASDAQ:STX), today announced that The Situs Companies, a global real estate advisory firm, has implemented [EVault](#)® storage services for a hybrid Cloud-connected approach to data backup and recovery. The Houston-based company chose EVault to replace its legacy tape-based [data protection](#) processes for its nearly 100 physical and virtual servers. By combining the EVault Plug-n-Protect disk-based backup appliance with EVault Cloud-based replication and [disaster recovery](#) services, Situs is now able to restore critical systems, including loan processing, in well under 24 hours following a disaster. EVault has also shaved days off the company's weekly tape-based backups, reducing the process from 2.5 days down to just six to eight hours, and trimming nightly backups from hours to minutes.

Prior to using EVault, Situs experienced a data protection challenge when Hurricane Ike, in 2008, wiped out all power in the Houston area and nearly shut down the company's local data center. The data center remained intact, but the close call made Director of Global Information Technology Bill McCown reconsider Situs' approach to data protection and recovery.

"If we had to recover that whole data center based on our existing backup tapes, we couldn't have done it because the hurricane left us with no way to recall tapes offsite or provision hardware," says McCown. "I knew we needed a better solution that would give us fast, disk-based backup replacement to tape while also providing more streamlined remote disaster recovery. With EVault we're set to perform nightly and weekly backups in a fraction of the time it used to take our tape devices, giving our IT team peace of mind in the event of disaster. If needed, I know the EVault team can bring up the entire core of our important systems in less than a day."



EVault has given Situs a complete end-to-end data protection plan with EVault Plug-n-Protect appliance, hosted EVault Offsite Replication Service, EVault Remote Disaster Recovery Service and EVault System Restore. Now, the eight-person IT department spends less time managing backup processes and is able to ensure the real estate consultancy firm meets compliance requirements in its customer SLAs. EVault also supports the servicer ratings Situs receives from agencies like Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch Ratings, which are impacted by the organization's system protection and recovery levels.

"Businesses often overestimate the efficiency of their existing tape-based backup and recovery process, and it isn't until too late they realize the shortcomings during a disaster," said Terry Cunningham, president and general manager at i365. "For Situs, a near-disaster revealed the company's recovery inefficiencies, compelling the organization to adopt EVault for more seamless data recovery. Like the majority of our customers switching from tape to disk, Situs also experienced dramatic time savings in its new disk-based backup. We're proud that we're able to help companies like Situs reinvigorate their operations so they can rest assured that their data is protected, and spend their valuable time on other issues critical to the business."

About EVault Storage Services

More than 32,000 small to mid-size organizations rely on [EVault](#) on-premise, cloud-based, edge, and seamless Cloud-Connected "hybrid" data protection solutions to protect and access their business data—anytime, anywhere. The uniquely integrated ecosystem of EVault storage [software](#), [SaaS](#), [managed services](#) and [appliances](#), plus our dedication to being the perfect partner, ensure our customers maintain business continuity in multi-platform, multi-site environments. EVault [data protection](#), [disaster recovery](#) and other storage services are optimized to perform in a distributed environment; supported by a secure, reliable cloud storage infrastructure; and backed by the highest quality customer service. Sold through a broad value-added reseller network, EVault storage services power the products and services of managed service providers, data centers, telcos, ISVs, and other technology partners, and are developed and supported by [i365](#), a Seagate Company.

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