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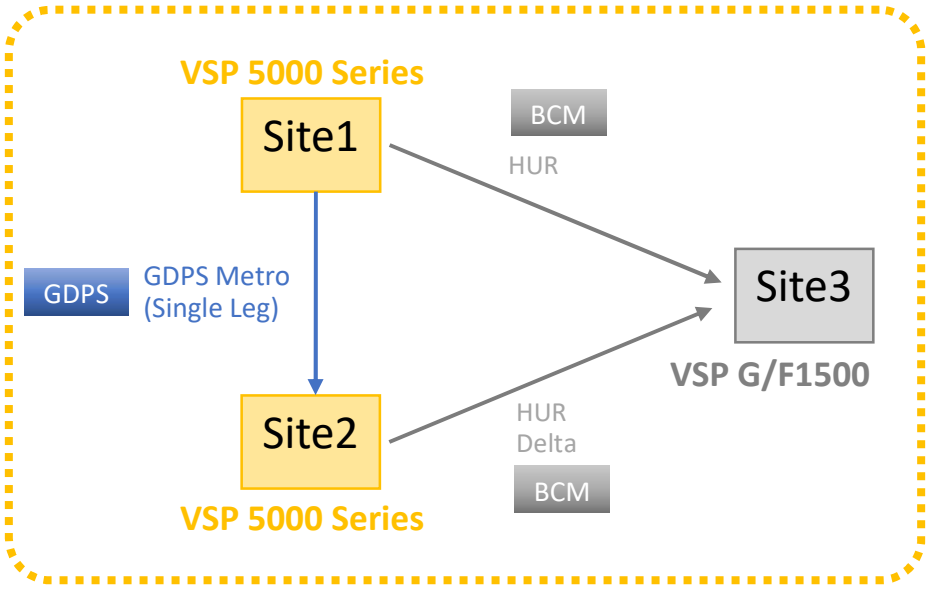
Report of Successful Completion of Qualification Testing

International Business Machines Corporation and Hitachi, Ltd. have successfully completed compatibility and interoperability testing of Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform™ F1500, Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform™ G1500 at code level 80-06-78 and Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform™ 5000 series products at code level 90-04-02 in the following IBM Z z14 and z15 environment: GDPS Metro (single leg) with VSP 5000 and HUR with G1500/F1500 controlled by BCM.



IBM and Hitachi hereby confirm that testing for the support of FICON® and FCP connectivity of the following has been successfully completed:

CPU	**IBM Z z14 Model 3906-M02 Driver level 36 bundle S31**
	IBM Z z15 Model 8561-T01 Driver level 41 bundle S27+
OS&GDPS®	**z/OS V2.4**
	GDPS Metro 4.3
Functions	**GDPS Metro HyperSwap Manager**

	• **Freeze/run** • **Planned HyperSwap** • **Unplanned HyperSwap** • **HyperSwap Failover/Failback** • **Soft Fence**
	GDPS Metro (single leg) • **Freeze/run** • **Planned HyperSwap** • **Unplanned HyperSwap** • **HyperSwap Failover/Failback** • **FlashCopy V2, FlashCopy Space Efficient and Remote Pair FlashCopy** • **Soft Fence**
Combined Functions	**GDPS Metro (single leg) + HUR with "delta resync" controlled by BCM** • **Regression test** • **Site 1, Site 2 and Site 3 maintenance** • **Site 1, Site 2 and Site2 failure** • **Link failure**
Storage Devices	**Hitachi VSP F1500 and G1500 and VSP 5000** • **PPRC volumes were assigned to Hitachi Dynamic Provisioning pool** • **FlashCopy V2 and FlashCopy Space Efficient volumes were assigned to Hitachi Dynamic Provisioning pool**

More detailed testing results are available from IBM or Hitachi on request.

Limitations:

The following considerations and limitations apply to the tested configurations:

- The following features are not supported at the testing time (GDPS Metro):
  - Global Copy (aka PPRC XD) mode copy processing
  - Summary Event Notification for PPRC Suspends
  - Taking non-disruptive state saves of disk subsystem
  - GDPS Health Check GDPS_CHECK_SPOF indicates a false failure for the PPRC links host adapters as being a single point of failure
  - GDPS Metro 4.1 introduced FlashCopy Sets as part of the first stage of logical corruption protection (LCP) capability. The information on panel VPCPLCF2 is incomplete ((1) SEQ num shows 00000000 resulting in no time stamp when each FlashCopy was taken and (2) VOLSER shows ****** instead of name resulting in no VOLSER name). Additionally, the DASD RECOVER RS(n) script statement isn't supported.
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No GDPS Metro priced features were tested (including z/OS Proxy, MTMM Dual Leg, LCP Manager, KVM Proxy, and SSC Proxy).

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Attachment A -- Test Matrix

GDPS Metro HyperSwap Manager

Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
• **Initial Tests**	✔	Basic remote copy operations using panels Basic Freeze tests (GO/STOP/COND)
• **Planned Actions**	✔	Remote copy operations using HYPERSW command Simulate Site maintenance (Site 1) and (Site 2)
• **Unplanned Actions**	✔	GDPS reacts to a failure, depending on the FREEZE option (GO / STOP / COND / SWAP&GO / SWAP & STOP)) Test failures were generated by PPRC links unplug, Chpid unplug, DASD control Unit power off and elongated I/O response times
• **Disruptive Testing (aka Config Testing)**	✔	GDPS reacts to a failure, depending on the FREEZE policy. Failures were generated by Control Unit Emergency power off and control unit internal failures
• **HyperSwap Stress test**	✔	Run a planned HyperSwap, with the application systems and the controlling system having CPU contention
• **Miscellaneous**	✔	HyperSwap extension (checking of secondary PPRC status – failure, Concurrent Copy, etc.)

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GDPS Metro (single leg)

Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
• **Initial Tests**	✔	Basic remote copy operations using panels Basic Freeze tests (GO/STOP/COND)
• **Planned Actions**	✔	Remote copy operations using scripts (START/STOP SECONDARY, FlashCopy, HyperSwap (Resync & Suspend), etc.) Simulate Site maintenance (Site 1) and Site 2)
• **Unplanned Actions**	✔	GDPS reacts to a failure, depending on the FREEZE option (GO / STOP / COND / SWAP&GO / SWAP & STOP) Failures were generated by PPRC links unplug, Chpid unplug, DASD control Unit power off and elongated I/O response times
• **Disruptive Testing (aka Config Testing)**	✔	GDPS reacts to a failure, depending on the FREEZE policy. Failures were generated by Control Unit Emergency power off and control unit internal failures
• **HyperSwap Stress test**	✔	Run a planned HyperSwap, with the application systems and the controlling system having CPU contention
• **Miscellaneous**	✔	HyperSwap extension (checking of secondary PPRC status – failure, Concurrent Copy, etc.)
• **FlashCopy**	✔	Prior FlashCopy limitations (Space Efficient, Remote Pair) are removed. Note that the traditional FlashCopy testcases are executed as part of Planned Actions and Unplanned Actions.

GDPS Metro Single Leg (SL) with VSP 5000 and HUR with G1500/F1500 controlled by BCM

Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
• **Regression test**	✔	Basic GDPS/PPRC testing to verify there are no unexpected impacts due to HUR.
• **Site 1 maintenance**	✔	Simulation of a scheduled disruptive maintenance of Site 1 by issuing a HyperSwap to Site 2 without stopping application systems, and initiating delta-resync to maintain small D/R RPO. After this procedure, Site 2 and Site 1's roles are reversed, and the same procedure can be used again to restore service back to the original Site 1 after the maintenance completes.

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Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
• **Site 2 maintenance**	✔	Simulation of scheduled disruptive disk maintenance in Site 2 by suspending the PPRC replica from Site 1 to Site 2 disks. There was no impact on the application systems running on Site 1 disks and on the HUR replica from Site 1 to Site 3 disks.
• **Site 3 maintenance**	✔	Simulation of scheduled disruptive disk maintenance in Site 3 by suspending the HUR replica from Site 1 to Site 3 disks (Suspend Flush). There was no impact on the application systems running on Site 1 disks and on the PPRC replica from Site 1 to Site 2 disks.
• **Site 1 failure**	✔	An unplanned HyperSwap moves the PPRC primary's from Site 1 to Site 2 disk, application systems continue running; delta resync the HUR from Site 2 to Site 3 disks. The Site 1 Maintenance procedure can be used in reverse to restore service to Site 1 without stopping application systems.
• **Site 2 failure**	✔	The PPRC replica from Site 1 to Site 2 disks is suspended. There was no impact on the application systems running on Site 1 disks and on the HUR replica from Site 1 to Site 3 disks.
• **Site 3 failure**	✔	The HUR continues writing to the Site 1 journal until it fills up, then eventually goes in track mode. There was no impact on the application systems running on Site 1 disks and on the PPRC replica from Site 1 to Site 2 disks.
• **Links failure**	✔	Site 1 to Site 2, Site 1 to Site 3, and Site 2 to Site 3 link failure testing. There was no impact on the application systems running on Site 1 disks, PPRC or HUR replica. Eventually the links suspend and the data is incrementally resynchronized when the links operational.