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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 and Hitachi Virtual Storage Platform™ G1500 series products at code level 80-05-44 in the following IBM z13® and IBM z14™ environments:

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

CPU	IBM z13 2964-N30 Driver 27 level
	IBM z14 3906-M02 Driver 32 level
OS&GDPS®	z/OS® V2.3
	GDPS 3.14
Functions	GDPS/PPRC HyperSwap® Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeze/run • Planned HyperSwap • Unplanned HyperSwap • HyperSwap Failover/Failback • Soft Fence
	GDPS/PPRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeze/run • Planned HyperSwap • Unplanned HyperSwap • HyperSwap Failover/Failback • FlashCopy® V2, FlashCopy Space Efficient and Remote Pair FlashCopy • Soft Fence
	GDPS/XRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FlashCopy Zero suspend for FlashCopy V2 and FlashCopy Space Efficient • SDM clustering

Combined Functions	GDPS/PPRC+HUR with “delta resync” controlled by BCM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPRC and XRC 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/PPRC):
 - Open LUN management
 - 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
- Floating Utility devices are not supported at the testing time (GDPS/XRC).

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Attachment A -- Test Matrix

Note: IBM has changed the name of below GDPS product in GDPS V4.1.

- ✓ GDPS Metro HM (Formerly known as GDPS/PPRC HyperSwap Manager)
- ✓ GDPS Metro (Formerly known as GDPS/PPRC)
- ✓ GDPS Global - XRC (Formerly known as GDPS/XRC)

No testing was done with GDPS 4.1.

GDPS/PPRC HyperSwap Manager

Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Tests 	✓	Basic remote copy operations using panels Basic Freeze tests (GO/STOP/COND)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned Actions 	✓	Remote copy operations using HYPERSW command Simulate Site maintenance (Site 1) and (Site 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HyperSwap Stress test 	✓	Run a planned HyperSwap, with the application systems and the controlling system having CPU contention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscellaneous 	✓	HyperSwap extension (checking of secondary PPRC status – failure, XRC session, Concurrent Copy, etc.)

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GDPS/PPRC

Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Tests 	✓	Basic remote copy operations using panels Basic Freeze tests (GO/STOP/COND)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned Actions 	✓	Remote copy operations using scripts (START/STOP SECONDARY, Flashcopy, HyperSwap (Resync & Suspend), etc.) Simulate Site maintenance (Site 1) and Site 2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HyperSwap Stress test 	✓	Run a planned HyperSwap, with the application systems and the controlling system having CPU contention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miscellaneous 	✓	HyperSwap extension (checking of secondary PPRC status – failure, XRC session, Concurrent Copy, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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/XRC

Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Tests 	✓	Basic remote copy operations using panels. Tests using single SDM and coupled SDMs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned Actions 	✓	Remote copy operations using scripts (START/STOP, SUSPEND session, etc.) Simulate Site maintenance (Site 1) and Site 2) Simulate Site 1 failure and restart Production in recovery site.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FlashCopy 	✓	Prior FlashCopy limitation (Space Efficient) is removed. Note that the traditional FlashCopy testcases are executed as part of Planned Actions.

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GDPS/PPRC with HUR controlled by BCM

Test Case Suite	Successfully Completed	Test Case Suite Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regression test 	✓	Basic GDPS/PPRC testing to verify there are no unexpected impacts due to HUR.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.