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Agilent Technologies Inc., the CEA-Leti (a laboratory of the French Atomic Energy Commission), and the INPG (Institute National Polytechnique Grenoble) have announced the joint development of a new optical and high-speed communications test and design facility in Grenoble. The PLATEST (platform and test) facility enables startup companies and R&D organizations to develop innovative communications components and subsystems. These companies benefit by leasing the facility rather than purchasing new test and measurement instruments. This facility is a highly anticipated development within the Minatec Innovation Centre, the largest European research center for micro- and nanotechnologies, now under construction in Grenoble.

ADI and TCL Create Development Lab in China

Analog Devices, Inc. and TCL Mobile Communication Co., Ltd. announced today the establishment of a joint development laboratory dedicated to the design of wireless handsets based on the 2G, 2.5G, EDGE and 3G standards. As part of the joint development agreement, a new laboratory facility in Huizhou, China, will be operational on March 1, 2004 and staffed by experienced employees from both companies. Financial terms of the agreement are not being disclosed.

Dilithium and NetCentrex Partner to Support 3G Video

Dilithium Networks and NetCentrex(tm) announce a partnership to support end-to-end solutions enabling new 3G video enhanced services including mobile to fixed-network conversational video services, and 3G video multi-conferencing applications. The partnership agreement brings together the Dilithium Networks' DTG 2000 gateway and a range of core infrastructure solutions from NetCentrex including Softswitch and media servers, to the rapidly developing 3G market. It will enable service providers to build next-generation converged voice-video networks and create revenue-generating services, including video portal, video mail, and video telephony.

Actix Acquires ComOpt

Actix, reports that it has acquired ComOpt, a provider of automated wireless optimization solutions. The combined products of Actix and ComOpt represent a wireless industry end-to-end, vendor independent, performance engineering solutions set. For all major wireless technologies, including 3G, they address every aspect of performance engineering from systems verification to optimization and

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troubleshooting, using drive test, protocol and predicted data, across voice and multi-media services.

US Monolithics Supplies ViaSat with Transceivers

US Monolithics, a supplier of broadband wireless transceiver MMICs and modules, and ViaSat Inc. (Nasdaq: VSAT) have announced a contract whereby US Monolithics will be the exclusive supplier of outdoor satellite transceiver electronics to ViaSat for WildBlue Communications Inc., an emerging satellite broadband Internet service provider.

Microfabrica Closes Series B Funding

Microfabrica, Inc. has closed \$15 million in Series B financing, led by international venture capital firm WK Technology Fund. The funds will be used primarily to expand Microfabrica's global presence, move into a production mode and expand the capabilities of the company's unique EFAB manufacturing process to cover additional markets. The EFAB process enables complex microdevices and microsystems previously impossible or impractical to manufacture using other approaches.

Chantry and Blue Ridge Announce Technical Partnership

Chantry Networks and Blue Ridge Networks have announced a technical partnership integrating Chantry's BeaconWorks wireless LAN technology with Blue Ridge's high security communications platform. By integrating BeaconWorks and BorderGuard VPN, Chantry and Blue Ridge deliver wireless security at levels appropriate for the federal government and also enhance HIPAA compliance for wireless networks at healthcare institutions and providers.

Staccato and NEC to Bring USB Silicon Products to Market

Staccato Communications announces an agreement with NEC Electronics to jointly bring 480Mbps wireless USB silicon products to market. The products are based on ultrawideband (UWB) standards being developed by the MultiBand OFDM Alliance (MBOA) and the emerging wireless USB protocol announced by Intel at the Intel Developer Forum (IDF) held this week in San Francisco. Staccato and NEC Electronics are collaborating to bring 480Mbps wireless USB solutions to market in 2005.

Aeroflex Receives Order from Air Force

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Aeroflex Inc., Wichita division, has received an order aggregating \$5.9 million for RCTS-003 Life Support Radio Test Sets from Brooks Air Force base. These orders are expected to be shipped over a twelve-month period beginning in June 2004. Additionally, it has also received an order for 83 IFR2975 P25 Radio Test Systems from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to test the Bureau's new digital radio technology. Delivery of these test systems will occur in the next 60 to 90 days.

FCT Appoints ESCO as Distributor

FCT Electronics, LP of Torrington, CT has appointed ESCO, headquartered in Lake Forest, CA, as an Official Distributor for its interconnect products. FCT Electronics, manufactures a number of interconnect solutions designed to support applications across multiple industries. FCT's product line include it's Mixed Layout D-Sub Technology, Standard D-Sub products, D-Sub Hoods, Din 41612 Connectors and RF Connectors.

HP and Cambridge Develop Location System

Hewlett-Packard and Cambridge Positioning Systems have signed an agreement to develop a high accuracy location solution for the GSM market. The HP LBS solution portfolio combines a suite of location enabled services, location-enabling infrastructure software, carrier-grade platforms, and services. HP partners with market leading location solution providers to deliver a comprehensive offering that addresses both the emergency and consumer-oriented services marketplace.

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K&L Microwave Joins WiMAX Forum

K&L Microwave has joined the WiMAX Forum as a regular member. The IEEE802.16 WiMAX standards offer extreme spectral efficiency of up to 70 MBPS of data throughput in a 15 MHz channel bandwidth (5 Bits/Hertz) for fixed and mobile BWA requirements. Specific WiMAX protocols are optimized for fixed (IEEE802.16a) Fixed Line of Sight applications at operating frequencies < 6 GHz, and mobile (IEEE802.16e) vehicular/portable applications at operating frequencies > 6 GHz.

TRAK Receives AS9100A Registration

TRAK Microwave has obtained AS9100A registration and was certified by the NSF - International Strategic Registrations, Ltd. (NSF-ISR). The AS9100A is the standard for the International Aerospace Industry Quality Management System. NSF-ISR has certified that TRAK is performing to the highest quality level required by the aerospace Industry for aerospace products.

Agere Joins OBSAI

Agere Systems has announced that it has joined the global Open Base Station Architecture Initiative (OBSAI). Agere plans to support the organization with its wealth of world-class base station components as well as decades of experience and systems expertise.

M-Systems and Emblaze Cooperate on Memory Solution

M-Systems and Emblaze Semiconductor, has announced that the companies are cooperating to deliver an advanced on-board multimedia memory solution to a wide range of mobile devices, including mobile feature phones and PDAs.

iSYSTEM and SDC Form Alliance

A new alliance between iSYSTEM and embedded systems specialist, SDC Systems has been announced. The agreement will enable SDC Systems to enhance its software tools and services with a full range of advanced hardware emulators which can be re-used on subsequent projects. The cost benefits will be particularly significant in the telecoms, aerospace, industrial and automotive markets.

CSR Announces Notebook PC with Bluetooth

CSR announces that a notebook PC using its BlueCore silicon has just qualified to version 1.2 of the Bluetooth specification. This is the first end-product to qualify to v1.2. Additionally, CSR's BlueCore silicon has been chosen to Bluetooth enable O2's latest Smartphone, the XDA II. O2's Smartphone.

Agilent's ADS Selected by Global Interface

Agilent Technologies Inc. announces that Global Interface Technologies Inc. has selected Agilent's Advanced Design System (ADS) electronic design automation (EDA) software and new ultra-wideband (UWB) DesignGuide to help speed development of baseband ASICs, RFICs and modules for ultra-wideband transceivers.

REMEC Joins SDR Forum

REMEC, Inc. has announced that it has joined the Software Defined Radio (SDR) Forum to actively promote RF front-end interoperability. REMEC is active in standards promotion by actively participating in Open Base Station Architecture Initiative (OBSAI), WiMAX, Antenna Interface Standards Group (AISG) and Advanced

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Telecom Computing Architecture (TCA).

X-FAB Increases Sales and Adds Distributors

Citing increased demand in mixed-signal applications and value-add manufacturing, X-FAB Semiconductor Foundries, the Erfurt, Germany-based mixed-signal foundry, today announced it has bolstered its sales presence and technical support in the U.S., and added distributors in the Asia Pacific market.

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