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WIRELESS USB PROMOTER GROUP ENLISTS CONTRIBUTORS FOR FIRST INDUSTRY-WIDE SPECIFICATION REVIEW

Wireless USB Promoter Group Web Site Goes Live

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 1, 2004 – In an effort to drive toward the completion of a 1.0 specification by year's end, the Wireless USB Promoter Group is soliciting contributors to the Wireless USB specification definition. The group plans to review the specification at a meeting in San Francisco on November 17-18.

Wireless USB (WUSB) personal connectivity will bring the convenience and mobility of wireless communications to high-speed interconnects for multimedia consumer electronics, PC peripherals and mobile devices. With a targeted bandwidth of 480 Mbps at launch, WUSB will feature wireless high-data throughput with low power consumption for distances less than 10 meters. The WUSB interface will deliver the benefits of high-speed wireless connectivity, security, ease-of-use and backward compatibility to customers.

The WUSB Promoter Group public web site (www.usb.org/wusb) outlines the process to become a contributor to the specification review. The requirements for contributor contributions are such that a company must be a USB-Implementers Forum member and sign a WUSB Contributor agreement. Once a company has joined, it will obtain access to the contributors' area on the Web site where the current draft of the WUSB specification is posted for review.

The WUSB Promoter Group, consisting of Agere Systems, HP, Intel, Microsoft, NEC, Philips Electronics, and Samsung, is committed to preserving the existing USB devices, class driver infrastructure and investment, look-and-feel and ease-of-use of wired USB. WUSB will maintain the same scalable device performance and capability while also addressing new consumer electronics requirements.

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The first Wireless USB implementations will be in the form of discrete silicon that will be introduced in a number of form factors. These include add-in cards and dongles along with embedded solutions to support the technology's introduction and subsequent rapid ramp-up.

Joining the seven promoter group companies as key contributors are Apparent Technologies, Alereon Inc., Staccato Communications, Inc., STMicroelectronics, Texas Instruments and Wisair. For more information, visit www.usb.org/wusb.