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**SILICON BUILDING BLOCKS PASS CERTIFICATION
AND PAVE THE WAY FOR CERTIFIED WIRELESS USB PRODUCTS**
USB-IF certifies host and device silicon for compliance with the Wireless USB 1.0 specification

INTEL DEVELOPER FORUM, Beijing – April 17, 2007 – The USB Implementers Forum (USB-IF), today announced the first products to pass compliance and certification testing for Certified Wireless USB. These products from Alereon, Intel and NEC Electronics Corporation are silicon building blocks that will enable Certified Wireless USB capability in new and existing PCs and peripherals.

“Certification is the number one ingredient to the USB-IF’s successful suite of USB technologies,” said Jeff Ravencraft, USB-IF president. “These three companies have reached a pivotal point in development by demonstrating compliance and interoperability, and will lead the industry in bringing Certified Wireless USB product to the marketplace in Q2.”

The availability of certified host and device silicon is fundamental to the development of end-user products. For host implementations, ODMs and OEMs can use certified host-side silicon to build Certified Wireless USB capability directly into new products, such as notebooks and PCs. To add Wireless USB capability to existing hosts, manufacturers will likely design the silicon into small USB dongles or ExpressCards. For Wireless USB devices, manufacturers can incorporate device-side silicon directly into new peripheral devices, or design wireless hubs using Device Wire Adapters (DWA) to upgrade existing USB peripherals.

The following companies have achieved Certified Wireless USB certification for the following host and device solutions:

Host-side silicon:

- Intel HWA – Intel® Wireless Link 1480
- NEC host controller - uPD720170

Device-side silicon:

- Alereon - AL4000
- NEC DWA - uPD720180

“Consumers today demand speed and ease-of-use when it comes to applications for their wireless devices and peripherals,” said Eric Broockman, CEO of Alereon. “Certified Wireless USB is the only technology that can meet those consumer demands, and Alereon is proud to offer a device-side silicon solution that allows manufacturers to add such values to their products.”

“This new certification status of our host-side silicon product will encourage innovation among manufacturers, and bring the first Certified Wireless USB products to market much faster,” said Ganesh Prasad, general manager of Intel’s Ultra-Wideband Networking Operation.

“With a prominent history of developing successful certified solutions for Hi-Speed USB, NEC Electronics is committed to ensuring the same level of quality in both its host and device solutions for Certified Wireless USB,” said Kunio Mori, general manager, PC Peripheral Division, NEC Electronics Corporation.

To learn more about Certified Wireless USB compliance and certification or how to become a member, please visit www.usb.org.

About Certified Wireless USB

Certified Wireless USB is the first high-speed wireless personal interconnect technology combining the speed and security of wired Hi-Speed USB with the ease-of-use-of wireless technology. It is backward compatible with wired USB, allows users to connect up to 127 devices and delivers a bandwidth of up to 480Mb/s at 3 meters and 110Mb/s at 10 meters. Certified Wireless USB is based on the WiMedia Alliance Ultra-wideband Common Radio Platform.

The Wireless USB Promoter Group, consisting of seven companies—Agere Systems, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Microsoft, NEC, Philips Semiconductors and Samsung—defined the core Certified Wireless USB specification with the support of more than 100 contributor members. The group has now transitioned the specification’s management to the USB-IF, the supporting governing body of USB specifications. If a company intends to build and ship a product based on the Certified Wireless USB specification and wants to obtain a license, it should become an adopter member of the organization and license the logo. Download the adopter agreement and the license agreement by visiting: <http://www.usb.org/wusb/>.

About the USB-IF

The non-profit USB Implementers Forum, Inc. was formed to provide a support organization and forum for the advancement and adoption of USB technology. The USB-IF facilitates the development of high-quality compatible USB devices, through its logo and compliance program and promotes the benefits of USB and the quality of products that have passed compliance testing. Further information, including postings of the most recent product and technology announcements, is available by visiting the USB-IF Web site at www.usb.org.

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