



HDSL2 Interoperability Consortium Formed at the University of New Hampshire's InterOperability Laboratory

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Lab Promotes Interoperability Testing of HDSL2 Technology

to Expedite Completion of the Standard and Enable Mass Deployment

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The HDSL2 Consortium enables vendors to conduct interoperability and conformance testing by providing facilities for a multi-vendor test environment, established and maintained by the Consortium members.

Announcing its formation at SuperComm '99, the members of the HDSL2 Consortium are validating the ongoing commitment to HDSL2 development that meets the strict criteria of the proposed HDSL2 standard from the ANSI T1E1.4 standards committee. The UNH-IOL provides an independent testing environment where members of the HDSL2 Consortium can conduct detailed interoperability testing of HDSL2 equipment with one another. HDSL2 developers are able to work together in common surroundings to share information and mutually benefit from the interoperability test results, as well as educate students in the HDSL2 technology.

In today's multi-vendor environment, service providers want to know that their central office and customer premises equipment (CPE) will be compatible, reliable, and work together seamlessly to deliver subscribers' high-speed data and Internet services. Resolution of interoperability issues is expected to foster cooperation in completing the standard and enable mass-market deployment of HDSL2.

The University of New Hampshire is the land, sea and space grant public university of the State of New Hampshire. The InterOperability Laboratory, founded in 1988, serves to educate students in computer communications technology and to foster interoperability within the 15 industry groups involved in the laboratory. Over 100 worldwide companies are members of the UNH InterOperability Laboratory. For more information, visit the UNH InterOperability Laboratory at <http://www.iol.unh.edu>.

About the Participating Companies

ADC Telecommunications, Inc. is a leading global supplier of voice, video and data systems for telephone, cable television, Internet, broadcast, wireless and private communications networks. ADC's systems enable local access and high-speed transmission of communications services from providers to consumers and businesses over fiber-optic, copper, coaxial and wireless media. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, ADC has approximately 9,600 employees around the world and annual sales of \$1.5 billion. For additional information, visit our Web site at www.adc.com.

ADTRAN, Inc., established in 1985, is a leading provider of network deployment and access solutions. Today, ADTRAN technologies support more than two-million local loops worldwide. ADTRAN is the number one marketshare leader for HDSL equipment. In addition, more than 500 products support all major digital technologies, including T3, T1, E1, Frame Relay, DDS, xDSL, ISDN, and wireless transport. ADTRAN customers include the Regional Bell Operating Companies, interexchange carriers, GTE, domestic independent service providers, corporate end users, international customers and original equipment manufacturers. For more information, contact the company at 800 9ADTRAN (800 923-8726), 256 963-8000, or via e-mail at info@adtran.com. On the web, visit www.adtran.com.

Conexant Systems Inc. is the \$1.2 billion company that was created when Rockwell International spun off its semiconductor systems business to shareowners in December 1998. Conexant is the world's largest independent company focused exclusively on providing semiconductor products for communications electronics. The company aligns its business into five product platforms: Personal Computing, Personal Imaging, Wireless Communications, Digital Infotainment and Network Access. With more than 30 years of experience in developing analog modem technology, the company leverages its expertise in mixed-signal processing and communications technology to deliver integrated systems and semiconductor products for a broad range of communications applications. These products facilitate communications worldwide through wireline voice and data communications networks, cordless and cellular wireless telephony systems, and emerging cable and wireless broadband communications networks. For additional information visit www.conexant.com

GlobeSpan, Inc. is a leading worldwide developer of advanced DSL chipsets, which enable data transmission over the existing network of copper telephone wires, at rates over 100 times faster than today's commonly deployed 56K modems. GlobeSpan has leveraged six years of field experience in implementing DSL technology to successfully bring proven DSL chipset solutions to market. The company's core engineering team includes several individuals who were early developers of DSL technology at AT&T Bell Labs in 1988. GlobeSpan offers a broad suite of DSL solutions, including ADSL, RADSL, HDSL, HDSL2, SDSL and MSDSL chipsets. To date, the company has shipped more than one million DSL chipsets to a customer base of more than 100 DSL equipment manufacturers. GlobeSpan, Inc. can be reached via phone at +1-732-345-7500 and the company's web site is www.globespan.net.

Level One Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: LEVL) provides silicon connectivity solutions for high-speed telecom and networking applications. These components are critical connecting links in today's telecommunication and data communication (LAN/WAN) networks and are the key building blocks for the Intranets and Internets of the future. Level One combines its strengths in analog and digital circuit design, with its communications systems expertise, to produce mixed-signal solutions with increased functionality and greater reliability, resulting in lower total systems cost. Level One Communications Inc. is ISO 9001 registered, illustrating the company's commitment to world-class standards and providing high quality products. Company headquarters are located at 9750 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA 95827. For information on the company and its products, visit its site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.level1.com>.

Metalink Ltd., Established in 1993, Metalink is a fabless semiconductor company that develops and markets high performance xDSL chipsets for telecommunications and data communications. Capitalizing on proven expertise in DSP, modem and VLSI design, Metalink provides networking equipment vendors with xDSL-based chipsets that solve network bandwidth access bottlenecks quickly and cost effectively. It's top level team of algorithmic designers and its leadership in the US and European Telecommunications Standards bodies, has established Metalink as a recognized leader in the field of xDSL technology. With over 1.5 million chips already deployed in the field, Metalink is emerging as a leading supplier of Internet access xDSL solutions. Visit Metalink's website at <http://www.metalink.co.il>

PairGain Technologies, Inc. is the leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) networking systems. Service providers and private network operators worldwide use PairGain's products to deploy DSL-based services such as high-speed Internet, remote LAN access and enterprise LAN extension. For more than 10 years, PairGain has been recognized as a technological leader and industry innovator of telecommunications equipment. The Company offers the widest range of DSL-based systems available. Product lines include HiGain Solitaire™ HDSL2 solutions, HiGainO T1/E1 access systems, PG-FlexPlus™, PG-FlexO and PG-PlusO small subscriber carrier systems, AvidiaO System and Megabit ModemO campus systems and megabit access products. Well over 1.5 million PairGain DSL nodes are installed in over 70 countries. Additional information about the Company is available on the Internet at www.pairgain.com.

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