

## ADTRAN and Infineon Partner to Set a New Benchmark for SDSL Deployment; Joint-Development Agreement Provides State-of-the-Art SDSL Silicon for Worldwide Distribution

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 17, 1999--ADTRAN, Inc. (NASDAQ:ADTN) announced today the execution of an agreement with Infineon Technologies AG (formerly Siemens Semiconductors) that will further enhance Symmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (SDSL) deployment. The jointly developed single device will be based on ADTRAN's market-leading DSL technology and Infineon's experience in advanced mixed-signal IC

technology. The highly integrated chip will give service providers the lowest powered, best performing, fully-featured SDSL silicon in the industry.

The agreement builds on the success of an earlier venture between the two companies that resulted in the industry's first spectral-friendly, variable-rate, SDSL device with speeds up to 1 Mbps. Today's announcement will augment that accomplishment with even more advanced features.

"The alliance between ADTRAN and Infineon Technologies offers the industry a worldwide, standards-based, state-of-the-art solution for work-at-home and small-to-medium sized business applications," said Tom Stanton, vice president and general manager of the ADTRAN Carrier Networks Division. "With SDSL, service providers can offer guaranteed quality of service for mission critical business applications. Designed to be spectral-friendly, this implementation of SDSL will coexist with other services in the same cable, allowing for greater ease in deployment."

Under the agreement, Infineon has licensed the ADTRAN technology and will sell the chip worldwide. The new chip will be capable of adapting to data rates from 192 kbps up to 2.3 Mbps in 8 kbps increments. This feature allows the device to adapt to the highest data rate possible for the local loop being used. ADTRAN plans to develop both carrier and enterprise products using the new chip.

"We've been working recently with ADTRAN on the ETSI and ITU standards committees, proposing industry standards for two-wire SDSL deployment," said Christian Wolff, Vice President and General Manager, Business Unit Transceiver ICs, Infineon Technologies AG. "This partnership came naturally because of the complementary strengths that each partner brings to the table. The results will be superior products that will be delivered to the global marketplace."

## **About Infineon**

Infineon Technologies, Munich, Germany, formerly Siemens' Semiconductor Group, is the 10th largest semiconductor manufacturer worldwide according to Dataquest. Infineon provides semiconductor solutions for the telecommunications, automotive, data networking, consumer electronics, and industrial automation markets. The company's comprehensive product portfolio includes integrated system ICs, memory and high frequency components, security and chip card ICs, discrete semiconductors and power ICs, sensors and fiber optic components. In fiscal 1997/98, the company achieved sales of \$3.8 billion (DM6.7 billion) and employed 25,000 people worldwide. Infineon Technologies Corporation is the company's North American subsidiary, with headquarters at 1730 North First Street, San Jose, California.

Further information at <a href="http://www.infineon.com">http://www.infineon.com</a>.

## About ADTRAN

Established in 1985, ADTRAN, Inc. is a leading provider of network deployment and access solutions for delivering today's digital telecommunications services over existing copper infrastructures.

Today, ADTRAN technologies support more than two million local loops worldwide. More than 500 ADTRAN products support all major digital technologies, including T3, T1, E1, Frame Relay, DDS, HDSL, xDSL, ISDN, and wireless transport. In the carrier network and enterprise markets, ADTRAN produces a complete end-to-end solution that provides the greatest network efficiency and lowest possible telecommunications costs.

According to Dataquest and IDC, ADTRAN holds revenue-leading positions in the Frame Relay/DDS, ISDN Extension and HDSL/T1/E1 network and access markets. ADTRAN customers include the Regional Bell Operating Companies, interexchange carriers, GTE, domestic independent service providers, corporate end users, international customers and original equipment manufacturers.

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