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Single Module Supports Worldwide GSM Handset Operation

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Nov. 1, 2001 — Conexant Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNXT), a worldwide leader in semiconductor system solutions for communications applications, today announced the world's first quad-band global system for mobile communications (GSM) power amplifier module (PAM). The CX77314 PAM supports GSM handset operation in more than 150 countries, including the new GSM850 band in the United States. The PAM also supports general packet radio service (GPRS) multi-slot operation. Packaged in a low-profile, compact 8mm x10mm module, the CX77314 provides handset manufacturers with a single-component solution for GSM phones, regardless of geographic region or frequency band.

"As a leader in power amplifier module technology, we are pleased to once again pave the way with innovative solutions that address the cost, size and power consumption challenges that handset manufacturers face on an ongoing basis," said Moiz Beguwala, senior vice president and general manager of Conexant's Wireless Communications division. "Our new quad-band PAM has been designed to meet the stringent performance requirements for next-generation handsets, and enables manufacturers to use a single device for all of their GSM handsets worldwide."

"It is very clear that the world is not moving toward a single band anytime soon," said Iain Gillott, principal and founder of iGillottResearch, a market strategy consultancy focused on the wireless and mobile industry. "In fact, as additional spectrum is licensed around the world, the need for multi-band devices will increase. The wireless world is getting more complex and so devices will follow this trend."

The CX77314 consists of a GSM850/900 and DCS1800/PCS1900 PA block, and 50-ohm fully matched input/output ports to reduce the number of external components required for a quad-band design. Conexant, a pioneer in PAM technology, has an extensive portfolio of PA modules that encompasses solutions for every major wireless standard including WCDMA, GSM, CDMA, TDMA, AMPS, and wireless local loop applications. Conexant's devices are based on a 50 GHz gallium arsenide (GaAs) heterojunction bipolar transistor (HBT) process technology.

Pricing and Availability

Conexant's CX77314 GSM power amplifier module is sampling now, with volume production slated for Dec. 2001. Modules are priced at \$4.00 in quantities of 10,000.

NOTE TO TECHNICAL EDITORS: Additional information available on request.

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personal computing products that are used in mobile communications and the broadband digital home. Mindspeed Technologies designs, develops and sells a complete portfolio of semiconductor networking solutions that facilitate the aggregation, transmission and switching of data, video and voice from the edge of the Internet to linked metropolitan area networks and long-haul networks. Conexant, headquartered in Newport Beach, Calif., delivered revenues of \$1.1 billion for fiscal 2001, and has approximately 6,500 employees worldwide. The company is a member of the S&P 500 and NASDAQ-100 indices. To learn more, visit us at www.conexant.com or www.mindspeed.com.

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