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Leading-Edge GSM DCR Enables Low-Cost Product

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Feb. 19, 2002 - Conexant Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: CNXT), a worldwide leader in semiconductor system solutions for communications applications, today announced that Benq Corporation has selected its CX74017 single chip radio frequency (RF) direct conversion transceiver (DCR) for their global system for mobile communications (GSM) general packet radio service (GPRS) handsets.

Conexant's CX74017 advanced direct-conversion transceiver eliminates costly intermediate-frequency (IF) conversion steps, while reducing size and power requirements. This enables leading wireless handset manufacturers such as Benq to meet stringent size constraints and power requirements, while supporting reliable, high-speed data and voice services on GSM/GPRS wireless networks.

"Conexant's DCR is an integral part of our GSM/GPRS handset, and enables us to provide a power-efficient, GSM/GPRS solution to our customers," said Dr. Irwin S. Chen, Benq's vice president and general manager of the wireless communication business. "Their breakthrough DCR technology is ideal for cost, power and size applications such as our handset, and we're pleased to leverage their expertise in semiconductor design to further facilitate mobile device connectivity within a cellular network."

About the CX74017

The CX74017 transceiver integrates low-noise amplifiers (LNAs), a quadrature demodulator, baseband filters and a direct current (DC) offset correction sequencer. An integrated low frequency, low-pass filter performs the required tasks associated with rejecting in-band blocking signals and adjacent alternate channels. The transmitter integrates a phase-frequency detector, a charge pump, an offset mixer, high-power transmit voltage-controlled oscillators (VCOs) and buffers for the required isolation between the RF output IF inputs. The device supports quad-band operation and is an ideal platform choice for serving the various mixtures of GSM/GPRS band requirements. The CX74017 is also a part of Conexant's GSM/GPRS systems solution, which includes the necessary chips for building a state-of-the-art GSM/GPRS handset.

About Benq

Previously named Acer Communications & Multimedia, Benq is an industry leader in digital lifestyle devices with an expertise that encompasses the display, storage, imaging, wireless and broadband areas. Benq has manufacturing plants in Malaysia, Mexico, China and Taiwan. The company has 10,100 employees worldwide, supporting a strong global sales marketing and service network spanning Asia Pacific, Europe and the Americas. Benq has research and development facilities in Taiwan (Hsinchu Lab), China (Suzhou Software Development Center) and California (Wireless Technology Center), and has close to 1200 research and development employees in China, Taipei, Taoyuan, Hsinchu and San Diego. Benq has amassed over 670 global patents. For more information about Benq, please visit our website at www.benq.com.

About Conexant

Conexant Systems, Inc. is a worldwide leader in semiconductor system solutions for communications applications. Conexant leverages its expertise in mixed-signal processing to deliver integrated systems and semiconductor products through three separate businesses that address the wireless communications, broadband access and Internet infrastructure markets. Conexant's wireless communications business is focused on providing power amplifiers, radio-frequency subsystems and complete systems solutions. The broadband access business develops and delivers integrated solutions that enable digital entertainment and information networks for the home and small office. Mindspeed Technologies, the company's Internet infrastructure business, 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 6,900 employees worldwide. The company is a member of the S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 indices. To learn more, visit us at <http://www.conexant.com> or <http://www.mindspeed.com>.

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