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MPEG LA Releases MPEG-4 Systems Patent Portfolio License

(Denver, Colorado, US – 4 February 2003) – MPEG LA today announced the availability of the MPEG-4 Systems Patent Portfolio License. Copies of the License may be obtained at www.mpegla.com, “MPEG-4 Systems,” “The License Agreement,” by telephone +1-301-986-6660 ext. 209 or email eharvey@mpegla.com. For more information, see “MPEG-4 Systems” at www.mpegla.com.

The MPEG-4 Systems Patent Portfolio License provides fair, reasonable, nondiscriminatory access under a single license to essential MPEG-4 Systems intellectual property owned by many patent holders. The License includes essential patents owned by Apple Computer, Inc.; Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI); France Télécom, S.A.; Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.; Mitsubishi Electric Corporation; Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.; and Sun Microsystems, Inc.

MPEG LA Chief Executive Officer Baryn S. Futa said, “MPEG-4 Systems is an indispensable technology. MPEG LA is pleased to be able to offer this License for the benefit of the marketplace.”

MPEG LA’s objective is to include as much essential intellectual property as possible for the convenience of the marketplace. Therefore, any party that believes it has patents that are essential to the MPEG-4 Systems Standard (ISO/IEC 14496-1:2001 [Part 1:Systems], 14496-1:2001/Amd.1:2001 [Extended BIFS]) and wishes to join upon successful evaluation, is invited to submit such patents to the independent Patent Evaluator together with a statement confirming its agreement with the objectives and intention to abide by terms and procedures governing the patent submission process, which may be obtained from Jane Tannenbaum, Director, Contract Administration (jtannenbaum@mpegla.com) or Jill McLain, Contract Administrator (jmclain@mpegla.com), MPEG LA, LLC.

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