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MPEG LA to Hold MPEG-4 License Information Session at Hyatt Regency O'Hare on March 27

(Denver, Colorado, US – 14 March 2003) – On Thursday March 27, 2003, MPEG LA will hold a public information session for all interested parties on the MPEG-4 Visual and Systems Patent Portfolio Licenses at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare (O'Hare International Airport, Rosemont, IL, ohare.hyatt.com/property/index.jhtml).

The information session will be organized according to the following schedule:

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Introduction/Overview

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. MPEG-4 Visual Unique Use and Consumer Recorded Video

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MPEG-4 Visual Internet Video, MPEG-4 Visual Stored Video

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch on own

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. MPEG-4 Visual Mobile Video

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. MPEG-4 Systems

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Enterprise Licenses

All parties with an interest in using the MPEG-4 Visual and Systems standards are invited to attend. Mr. Larry Horn, MPEG LA Vice President of Licensing and Business Development, will conduct the individual sessions and review the licensing programs.

During the last year, there has been substantial interest in the MPEG-4 patent licensing terms. MPEG LA received feedback across the different business sectors that will utilize MPEG-4 and marshaled 20 MPEG-4 Visual and 7 MPEG-4 Systems essential patent holders to consensus enabling MPEG LA to issue one-stop licenses that are responsive to marketplace needs.

The MPEG-4 Visual Patent Portfolio License, which was issued on 25 November 2002, provides fair, reasonable, nondiscriminatory access under a single license to essential patents owned by Canon Inc.; Curitel Communications, Inc.; France Télécom, société anonyme; Fujitsu Limited; GE Technology Development, Inc.; General Instrument Corporation; Hitachi, Ltd.; KDDI Corporation; Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.; Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.; Microsoft Corporation; Mitsubishi Electric Corporation; Oki Electric Industry Co.; Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.; SANYO Electric Co., Ltd.; Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha; Sony Corporation; Telenor Communication II AS; Toshiba Corporation; and Victor Company of Japan, Limited.

The MPEG-4 Systems License, which was issued on 4 February 2003, 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.

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MPEG LA successfully pioneered one-stop technology standards licensing beginning with a portfolio of essential patents for the international digital video compression standard known as MPEG-2, which it began licensing in 1997. One-stop technology standards licensing enables widespread technological implementation, interoperability and use of fundamental technologies covered by many patents owned by many patent holders. MPEG LA provides users with fair, reasonable, nondiscriminatory access to these essential patents on a worldwide basis under a single license. For more information, please refer to www.mpegla.com, www.1394la.com and www.dvbla.com.