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LEADING ELECTRONICS COMPANIES SUE SAGEM S.A. FOR MPEG-2 PATENT INFRINGEMENT

DENVER – May 3, 2004 – MPEG LA today announced that several leading electronics companies have filed suit in Düsseldorf, Germany against Sagem Société d'Applications Générales d'Electricité et de Mécanique S.A. (“SAGEM”) for infringing eleven patents that are essential to the MPEG-2 digital video compression standard, which is used worldwide in digital television broadcasting and DVD. Included among the plaintiffs are Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., Sony Corporation, Thomson Licensing S.A., and Victor Company of Japan, Ltd. (JVC).

According to the complaint, SAGEM manufactures and markets set-top boxes that use patent-protected MPEG-2 methods and devices without having entered into licenses with the individual patent holders or a portfolio license that includes these patents offered by MPEG LA. In its advertising and promotion, SAGEM touts the benefit of its products for their compatibility with the MPEG-2 standard.

“SAGEM’s refusal to take a license from these individual patent holders or from MPEG LA that would put an end to its patent infringement has made this lawsuit necessary,” said Baryn S. Futa, Manager and Chief Executive Officer of MPEG LA. “For almost 7 years, MPEG LA and essential MPEG-2 patent holders have separately offered SAGEM a license, but SAGEM has ignored its duties in regard to the responsible use of intellectual property. This is unfair to patent holders without whom this technology would not be possible and to those more than 700 licensees, which include most of the world’s MPEG-2 set-top box makers, who are licensed and meeting their intellectual property obligations. SAGEM must be held accountable.”

The suit seeks, among other things, monetary damages and an injunction prohibiting SAGEM S.A. from using MPEG-2 patents in its products and from offering, marketing, or importing them.

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MPEG LA, LLC

MPEG LA successfully pioneered one-stop technology platform licensing with a portfolio of essential patents for the international digital video compression standard known as MPEG-2. One-stop technology platform licensing enables widespread technological implementation, interoperability and use of fundamental broad-based technologies covered by many patents owned by many patent holders. MPEG LA provides users with fair, reasonable, nondiscriminatory, worldwide access to essential patents from multiple patent holders in a single license as a nonexclusive alternative to negotiating licenses with each of them individually. The MPEG-2 Patent Portfolio License, which includes more than 640 MPEG-2 essential patents owned by 23 licensors in 56 countries, has more than 700 licensees accounting for most MPEG-2 products in the current world market. MPEG LA is not related to any standards agency and is not an affiliate of any patent holder. For more information, please refer to <http://www.mpegla.com>, <http://www.1394la.com> and <http://www.dvbla.com>.

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (Panasonic)

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., best known for its Panasonic brand name, is a worldwide leader in the development and manufacture of electronic products for a wide range of consumer, business, and industrial needs. Based in Osaka, Japan, the Company recorded consolidated sales of US\$71.92 billion for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. Matsushita's shares are listed on the Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, New York (NYSE:MC), Euronext Amsterdam and Frankfurt stock exchanges. For more information on the company and its Panasonic brand, visit the Matsushita website at <http://www.panasonic.co.jp/global/top.html>.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

With over 80 years of experience in providing reliable, high-quality products to both corporate clients and general consumers all over the world, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (TSE: 6503) is a recognized world leader in the manufacture, marketing and sales of electrical and electronic equipment used in information processing and communications, space development and satellite communications, consumer electronics, industrial technology, energy, transportation and building equipment. The company recorded consolidated group sales of 3,309 billion yen (US\$31.2 billion*) in the year ended March 31, 2004. For more information visit <http://global.mitsubishielectric.com>.

*At an exchange rate of 106 yen to the US dollar, the rate given by the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market on March 31, 2004.

Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V.

Royal Philips Electronics of the Netherlands (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHI) is one of the world's biggest electronics companies and Europe's largest, with sales of EUR 29 billion in 2003. It is a global leader in color television sets, lighting, electric shavers, medical diagnostic imaging and patient monitoring, and one-chip TV products. Its 165,300 employees in more than 60 countries are active in the areas of lighting, consumer electronics, domestic appliances, semiconductors, and medical systems. News from Philips is located at www.philips.com/newscenter.

Thomson Licensing S.A.

Thomson (Euronext Paris: 18453; NYSE: TMS) is the leading provider of technology and service solutions for integrated media and entertainment companies. By capitalizing on and expanding its leadership positions at the intersection of entertainment, media and technology, Thomson provides end-to-end solutions to content creators, video network operators, manufacturers and retailers through its Technicolor, Grass Valley, RCA and THOMSON brands. For more information: www.thomson.net.

Thomson's Patents & Licensing business manages a major portfolio of patents relating principally to video technologies, which are licensed to other manufacturers and technology groups through the Thomson Licensing S.A. subsidiary. With the strategic priority of the protection, valuation and development of Thomson's intellectual property, the Patents & Licensing business relies on almost 40,900 patents and applications worldwide derived from more than 6,450 inventions. In 2003, 614 priority applications were filed, an increase of 11% compared to 2002. The Patents & Licensing business has approximately 750 licensing agreements relating to a diversified mix of consumer products, compression solutions, platform architectures, security and content protection solutions or media asset management technologies.