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Texas Instruments selects Blackhawk's USB560 JTAG Emulator for Global Distribution

HOUSTON – TI DEVELOPER CONFERENCE & Mount Laurel, NJ (February 15, 2005) – Blackhawk™, a leader in the design of digital signal processor (DSP) hardware and software development tools, announced today that Texas Instruments Incorporated (TI) has selected the Blackhawk USB560 JTAG Emulator for inclusion in their Global Distribution Channel. TI's Distribution Channel Partners include Arrow Electronics, Avnet, Digi-Key, Memec Insight and Newark InOne. In addition, the USB560 is available online via TI's eStore at www.ti-estore.com.

The Blackhawk USB560 will be available in two models, a North American version (P/N: TMDSEMU560U) and a European Model (P/N: TMDSEMU560U-OE). Both models are priced at $2,999US.

The compact and lightweight USB560 features a variable TCK (timing clock) running up to 35 MHz and includes a flexible 5-½ foot multi-voltage cable/pod assembly. A power LED has also been added to show operational status. The Blackhawk USB560 uses a USB 2.0-compliant controller, which achieves speeds up to 480 megabits per second (Mbps) for increased speed and faster code download performance, which is becoming increasingly important in applications such as video and imaging that have large code sizes.

"We are extremely happy that TI selected our USB560," said Brian Nix, president, EWA Technologies, Inc., the parent company of Blackhawk. "ustomers are demanding a lower cost alternative to their XDS560 PCI Emulator, and the USB560 satisfies that need and more."

The USB560 can also interface to XDS510™-class drivers, extending compatibility to more TI DSP devices and Code Composer Studio™ (CCStudio) versions than any other XDS560-class emulator.

"Our search for a high-performance alternative to our XDS560 PCI emulator took many factors into consideration," said Lori Vidra, DSP host tools product marketing manager, TI. "Performance, price and convenience were at the top of the list and the Blackhawk USB560 exceeds all our requirements."The Blackhawk USB560 JTAG emulator supports TMS320, TMS470 (ARM) and OMAP families. Legacy support for Code Composer v4.1x and CCStudio v1.2 gives users access and compatibility to VC33, C20x and C24x. The USB560 JTAG Emulator is also compatible with the Code Composer Studio flash-burner utility.

All Blackhawk Emulators are also available through a worldwide network of industry resellers. Please visit www.blackhawk-dsp.com/reseller.asp for a complete list.

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