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ZigBee™ Alliance Members Demonstrate Standards-Based Wireless Products

Foundation Is Set for ZigBee-Enabled Applications

San Ramon, Calif. — Over 350 attendees — including manufacturers, integrators, analysts, and media — witnessed live demonstrations of IEEE 802.15.4 hardware and software at the sold-out ZigBee Alliance Open House, November 19, in San Jose, California. The successful demonstrations by multiple vendors showed products visibly exceeding the minimum performance requirements defined in IEEE 802.15.4, surpassing estimates and firmly laying the foundation for ZigBee-enabled applications. The vendors included ZigBee members Ardesta, Chipcon, CompXs, Ember, Figure 8 Wireless, Helicomm, Motorola, and ZMD.

"We have proven that ZigBee technology is built on a very strong foundation and will not require years of semiconductor process improvements before it is available," said Bob Heile, ZigBee Alliance Chairman.

Further illustrating ZigBee momentum, ZigBee member companies announced compliance-tested IEEE 802.15.4 development platforms as well as 802.15.4-compliant and ZigBee-ready single-chip RF transceivers. The ZigBee Alliance Network Group presented simulation software that demonstrated the robust operation of ZigBee's proposed network layer in networks of all sizes.

The product demonstrations capped the day's events, which also included favorable market-forecast presentations from Focal Point Group; Harbor Research; In-Stat/MDR; West Technology Research Solutions, LLC; and Wireless Data Research Group.

In response to the standing-room-only turnout, Alliance Chairman, Bob Heile added, "The attendance numbers far exceeded our expectations and demonstrate the rapidly growing interest in ZigBee technology worldwide. Likewise, the analyst panel was extremely well received and further underscores the broad array of potential ZigBee applications."

All Open House presentations are now available on the ZigBee Alliance website at www.zigbee.org. Details for the next Open House and Member Meeting will be posted soon. For information on joining the ZigBee Alliance, visit <http://www.zigbee.org/join/>.

About the ZigBee Alliance

ZigBee: Wireless Control That Simply Works

The ZigBee Alliance is an association of companies working together to enable reliable, cost-effective, low-power, wirelessly networked, monitoring and control products based on an open global standard. The ZigBee Alliance is a rapidly growing, non-profit industry consortium of leading semiconductor manufacturers, technology providers, OEMs, and end-users worldwide. Membership is open to all. Additional information can be found at www.zigbee.org.

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