

ZigBee™ Alliance to Hold First Global Wireless Solutions Open House

Manufacturers, Integrators, Analysts, and Media invited to Carlsbad event

San Ramon, Calif. – The ZigBee Alliance will hold its first open house to provide an update on the rapidly emerging global wireless standard on February 17, 2003. The open house will provide an overview of the ZigBee standard and its progress, an update on the Alliance's activities, and a discussion of current and future solutions and markets.

The free event will feature presentations by Bob Heile, chairman of the ZigBee Alliance Board of Directors, as well as from ZigBee Alliance Work Group and Task Group chairs. An industry panel will also be included for companies registered in advance, followed by a sunset reception. The event will be co-hosted by ZigBee Alliance members Helicomm and ZMD.

"This will be a great opportunity for companies interested in deploying standards-based wireless solutions to see the exciting future of the ZigBee standard," said Heile. "We look forward to describing the exciting progress we've made towards defining the world's first standard for reliable, low-power wireless data networking. The energy of the Alliance members is incredible, and the task groups have made great strides in only these first few months."

The open house will take place in conjunction with the ZigBee Alliance Q1 Member Meeting at the Grand Pacific Palisades Resort in Carlsbad, California, north of San Diego. Online registration for the open house is available at the ZigBee Alliance website, www.zigbee.org.

ZigBee is a rapidly emerging worldwide wireless standard for reliable, low power applications. Alliance members are defining the software layers for interoperable data networking, security services, and a range of wireless home and building control solutions. ZigBee compliant wireless devices are being designed for ease of installation and data reliability. Devices are expected to transmit 30-75 meters, depending on the RF environment, and will operate in the unlicensed RF bands worldwide (2.4GHz global, 915MHz Americas or 868MHz Europe). ZigBee-compliant solutions will incorporate the new IEEE 802.15.4 worldwide RF standard for Low Rate, Wireless Personal Area Networks.

About the ZigBee Alliance

ZigBee Alliance members are defining global standards for reliable, cost-effective, low power wireless applications. 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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