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WIQUEST COMMUNICATIONS AND BELKIN ANNOUNCE FIRST EUROPEAN APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED WIRELESS USB PRODUCT WITH BELKIN'S WIRELESS USB HUB

Powered by WiQuest, the Belkin Wireless USB Hub Achieves EU Regulatory Approval

ALLEN, Texas/COMPTON, California – January 8, 2008 – WiQuest Communications, Inc., the leading, fabless semiconductor company developing complete Ultrawideband (UWB) solutions, and Belkin International, Inc. announced today that Belkin is the first to achieve European Union regulatory approval of its Wireless USB Hub. Based on WiQuest's total reference design solutions, Belkin's Wireless USB Hub is now the first UWB product that can be legally sold across EU member countries.

Adding to existing regulatory approvals for the US and Japan, Belkin's WiQuest-based products now conform to EU Class 1 device regulations for UWB systems and will be used as the test bed for other solutions seeking regulatory approval, when they become available. The products were approved for use in WiMedia Band Group 1, the primary set of frequencies having the greatest range, the greatest number of alternative interoperable products, and is usable in many worldwide regions. This event greatly expands the overall market for UWB products to include all EU countries in addition to already approved products in the US and Japan.

"We are very pleased with how WUSB is progressing. Our partnership with WiQuest continues to lead the technology evolution with proven and robust solutions that are the first to achieve international regulatory acceptance", said Chris McGugan, Vice President of Product Management at Belkin. "Being in compliance with all applicable UWB EU test regulations is a significant accomplishment and is the result of the hard work of both the Belkin and WiQuest teams. Passing this regulatory approval not only brings Wireless USB to our customers in Europe, but it is also a major step towards widespread market proliferation."

"Certified Wireless USB shipments are expected to exceed 190 million units annually by 2010," said Brian O'Rourke, principal analyst for In-Stat. "This achievement by Belkin and WiQuest is a significant step



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toward launching the entire market internationally and is a further testament to the work that these companies and the WiMedia Alliance have done to achieve UWB acceptance worldwide.”

“WiQuest provides the industry with the most advanced, highest performing solutions for Certified Wireless USB,” said Matthew Shoemake, WiQuest founder and president. “Coupled with our company’s leadership in passing multiple FCC certifications in the US and TELEC certification in Japan, WiQuest-based products prevail at international acceptance with innovative and pioneering UWB solutions. Product availability across the EU is now imminent.”

The newly approved platform utilizes WiQuest’s award-winning WQST110/101 silicon and software solution. The WQST110/101 is based on the Certified Wireless USB specification from the USB Implementers Forum and the WiMedia common radio platform.

WiQuest Total Solution

WiQuest reference designs based on the WQST110/101 total solution include the Wireless USB Adapter, 4-port Hub and Half Mini Card reference designs, all based on the Certified Wireless USB technology from the USB Implementers Forum. WiQuest’s total UWB solution is the industry’s fastest at 1 Gbps data rate.

About Belkin International, Inc.

Belkin offers a diverse product mix that provides people with seamless electronics integration in their homes, cars, and on the go. Founded in California in 1983, Belkin is a privately held company and the recognized leader in connectivity solutions, in addition to accessories for MP3 devices, computers, and more. We provide extensive solutions for networking, home theater—with our PureAV® line of cables, power, and digital wireless accessories—and many more categories. You can view and purchase them at www.belkin.com, as well as through a network of major distributors, resellers, and superstores.

Belkin’s phenomenal growth has led to our expanding global presence. In addition to corporate headquarters in Los Angeles, we now have offices throughout Europe—in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Germany, among others—and in the Asia Pacific region, including Australia, Shanghai, and our regional headquarters in Hong Kong.

About WiQuest Communications

WiQuest Communications, Inc. is the leading consumer solutions company designing and developing complete WiMedia-based ultra high speed, ultrawideband (UWB) platforms. WiQuest’s complete solution portfolio includes chipset, software and manufacturing designs. WiQuest’s world class technology and technical support enable a new class of “off-the-shelf-production” wireless connectivity to PC, digital entertainment, consumer electronics and mobile systems – enabling The New Frontier of Wireless™.



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Founded in September 2003, WiQuest's strong team comprises hundreds of years of collective industry semiconductor and systems experience, resulting in dozens of successful high-volume product implementations including Wireless LAN, DSL and Ethernet solutions. To learn more about WiQuest, please visit www.WiQuest.com.

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