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**SUPPORT FOR G.HN GROWS WORLDWIDE - HOMEGRID FORUM ADDS NEW MEMBERS**

**BEAVERTON, ORE. February 24, 2010** – [HomeGrid Forum](#) kicked off 2010 with a bang as it welcomed four new members to the global, non-profit trade group promoting the United Nations' International Telecommunication Union's (ITU-T) [G.hn](#) standardization efforts. HomeGrid Forum's new members include: Polaris Networks, Taiwan-based IC Plus Corp, the Institute for Information Industry (III) and Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute (KERI). By joining HomeGrid Forum, these companies are recognizing the importance of G.hn as the single unified standard for wired home networking in the global marketplace as the technology draws closer to silicon shipment in 2010.

"Each of these companies are taking a leadership role in commercializing products based on G.hn. Polaris Networks will provide tools to aid in the development of G.hn devices. IC Plus, III and KERI are helping to promote and educate companies in the Asia-Pacific region on the advantages of G.hn for home networking," said Matthew Theall, president of the HomeGrid Forum. "With silicon expected this year, the addition of these organizations both individually and as a whole, marks a significant step in the broad, worldwide development of new products based on G.hn as we move into the most prolific stage in development."

The members of the ITU-T's G.hn Rappatour Group have created a specification for a single MAC/PHY technology which can run over coaxial cable, phone lines, or power lines. Through one worldwide standard, G.hn will unify the networking of content and devices over any of these wires. With it, service providers will be able to deploy new offerings including IPTV more cost effectively. Consumer electronics manufacturers will be able to provide powerful devices for connecting all types of entertainment, home automation, and security products throughout the house. G.hn participants include service providers, consumer electronics and information technology manufacturers, and component and intellectual property providers from around the world.

**About HomeGrid Forum**

HomeGrid Forum is a global, non-profit trade group promoting the International Telecommunication Union's G.hn standardization efforts for next-generation home networking. HomeGrid Forum promotes adoption of G.hn through technical and marketing efforts, addresses certification and interoperability of G.hn-compliant products, and cooperates with complementary industry alliances. To learn more about becoming a HomeGrid member, please visit [www.HomeGridForum.org/join](http://www.HomeGridForum.org/join).

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