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PCI Special Interest Group Announces Steering Committee Additions

New Steering Committee elected at PCI-SIG Annual Meeting

Portland, Oregon, August 7, 2000 – The PCI Special Interest Group (PCI-SIG) today announced that Hewlett-Packard [NYSE: HWP] and ServerWorks have been elected to the PCI-SIG Steering Committee. As members of the 9-company Steering Committee, ServerWorks and HP join Adaptec [NasdaqNM: ADPT], Advanced Micro Devices [NYSE: AMD], Compaq [NYSE: CPQ], IBM [NYSE: IBM], Intel [NasdaqNM: INTC], Phoenix Technologies [NasdaqNM:PTEC] and Texas Instruments [NYSE: TXN] in determining the direction and focus of the PCI-SIG and its technologies.

Both new companies have played an influential role in recent advancements to the PCI standard, specifically PCI-X. HP was a contributor to the original PCI-X proposal that was brought to the PCI-SIG in 1998 while ServerWorks coordinated a day-long forum on PCI-X to push the education of the high-speed addendum to the PCI Local Bus. The two companies were elected during the PCI-SIG's Annual Meeting July 21, 2000.

“We are extremely enthusiastic about joining the leadership of the PCI-SIG” said Tom Theaker of Hewlett-Packard, “HP will continue to help drive the evolution and adoption of PCI Local Bus specifications that provide benefits to the industry, and most importantly, to our customers who rely on our products to be interoperable in their unique environments.”

“The PCI-SIG leadership has proven its effectiveness in defining and promoting new I/O standards,” said David Dorrough of ServerWorks. “ServerWorks is looking forward to contributing to the further advancements of PCI and to the overall direction of this leading industry organization.”

The PCI-SIG has been instrumental in evolving the electrical aspects of the PCI specification (PCI-X) to allow for a faster, more-efficient I/O solution. The PCI-SIG has also been rapidly specifying new form factors for the PCI specification, such as Mini PCI and Low Profile PCI, to provide the building blocks for better and smaller designs. Both the electrical and form-factor advancements ensure that the PCI specification keeps pace with today's technology.

The PCI-SIG's Steering Committee is also planning to recommend initiatives such as the move to 3.3 Volt signaling which is required in the SIG's recent technologies of PCI-X, Mini PCI and Low Profile PCI. Another initiative that will soon be introduced is to speed the transition of Workstations from 66 MHz PCI to PCI-X,. The PCI-SIG will lead

additional initiatives and advancements that continue to drive the electrical and form-factor evolution of the PCI Local Bus specification.

“As busy as the SIG has been the last year, there is still a lot of work to do,” said newly re-elected PCI-SIG Chairman Roger Tipley. “The next year is a pivotal year for the PCI-SIG and its technologies as we support the introduction of solutions that incorporate our current technologies while continuing to improve the PCI specification to keep pace with the needs of the computing industry.”

Formed in June 1992, PCI-SIG is the industry organization that owns and manages the PCI Local Bus specification. More than 850 industry-leading companies are active PCI-SIG members. The organization is chartered to support new requirements while preserving backwards compatibility for all PCI revisions, maintaining the specification as an easy-to-implement, stable technology, and contributing to the technical longevity of PCI and its establishment as an industry-wide standard. For more information, contact PCI-SIG via phone at 800-433-5177 (within the U.S.) or fax at 503-693-8344, or visit the PCI-SIG Web sit at <http://www.pcisig.com>.

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