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Frontline Named 2006 Worldwide Sponsor of Bluetooth SIG Testing Events

UnPlugFests Enhanced This Year to Meet Growing Demands of Burgeoning Bluetooth Market

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA – January 30, 2006 – Frontline, maker of the only v2.0 + EDR Bluetooth® protocol analyzer, is the worldwide sponsor of the 2006 UnPlugFests, the not-for-profit interoperability test events run by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG). The first event of the year kicks off today in Vancouver, Canada, and is the 23rd such event held as part of the Bluetooth qualification program. As the Bluetooth market continues to expand, basic interoperability testing has been enhanced this year to include security testing, robustness testing, multi-profile testing and Profile Tuning Suite verification.

While UnPlugFests are not open to the public and attendee lists are not publicized, what happens behind closed doors goes a long way towards ensuring an excellent user experience for consumers. Product designers and developers from companies large and small representing any one of the over 4,000 Bluetooth SIG members bring chips, devices or software to the event to test against designs from other manufacturers and tools like the Profile Tuning Suite. A distinctive aspect of Bluetooth technology is that different types of products from different manufacturers must work together via the Bluetooth link. These test events are an invaluable means of ensuring that interoperability.

“Participation in UnPlugFests is invaluable for our customers, Bluetooth developers and product designers, because it ensures real-world interoperability with products from other manufacturers,” said Eric Kaplan, founder, Frontline. “As this year’s worldwide sponsor of these events, we are working to increase attendance from all companies designing with Bluetooth technology which will make the testing environment at UnPlugFests even more comprehensive and continue to drive a positive user experience with Bluetooth technology.”

2006 UnPlugFest Event Activities Include:

- Radio, Baseband & Link Manager Interoperability Testing
- Protocol Interoperability Testing
- Profile Interoperability Testing

As well as the following complementary interoperability/verification sessions:

- Specification Evaluation Sessions for Core Enhancements
- Profile/Protocol Robustness Testing
- Security Testing
- Profile Tuning Suite Verification
- Product Interoperability Test vs. Bluetooth Device Pool
- Multi-profile Testing (simultaneous audio visual and hands-free voice)

“UnPlugFests are a key component of the Bluetooth qualification program and with help from companies like Frontline we’ve been able to enhance this year’s program to include even more testing benefits for our members,” said Michael Foley, Ph. D., executive director of the Bluetooth SIG. “Ensuring interoperability among all Bluetooth devices on the market is of the highest priority to our organization – and we expect 2006 to be an even bigger year than 2005 in terms of number of devices qualified – so we hope as many members as possible participate in these critical events. Because of its longtime experience in providing test equipment for Bluetooth product developers, we are happy to have Frontline as this year’s worldwide event sponsor.”

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Frontline continues to be in the forefront of Bluetooth product development and is the worldwide support center for the Bluetooth SIG's Profile Tuning Suite tool. Frontline has also just been named the worldwide distributor and support center for Codenomicon's new Bluetooth robustness tester which will be used as an integral part of the UnPlugFests.

Bluetooth wireless technology continues to surpass volume expectations and is currently shipping in more than nine million products per week globally. At the end of 2005, more than 272 million units were on the market, twice the number of units shipped globally in 2004, according to research firm Strategy Analytics.

2006 Schedule of Events

UPF 23 – Vancouver, Canada, January 30 – February 3

UPF 24 – Bangkok, Thailand, June 11 – 16

UPF 25 – Malta, St. George's Bay, October 8 – 13

For more information on participation in this year's UnPlugFests, visit <http://programs.bluetooth.org/upf>

Note: *these events are only open to member companies testing firmware or software; not open to the public and no press are allowed.*

About Frontline Test Equipment, Inc. (www.fte.com)

With over seventeen years of experience developing protocol analysis tools, and an installed base of more than 30,000 analyzers, Frontline (established 1985) is a proven protocol analyzer industry leader. Frontline Test System® (FTS®) software supports Bluetooth technology, serial, Ethernet, USB, ZigBee™, and numerous industrial protocols and buses such as Modbus, DH+ and DeviceNet. Based in Charlottesville, VA, the company maintains global distribution with focus in the U.S, Europe, Asia, and Japan.

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