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ZP Engineering Chosen as Authorized Third-Party BridgeCo Developer

Audio Design Experts Customize Products Built on Popular BridgeCo Processor / Firmware Platform

Rome, Italy -- 20 January 2005 -- ZP Engineering (www.zpeng.com), a digital audio and industrial products design house, announced today that it has been selected by BridgeCo AG (www.bridgeco.net) as an authorized third-party software developer and systems integrator. BridgeCo, a leading provider of wired and wireless digital home entertainment networking solutions, offers a popular product line of audio processor ICs and bundled firmware that is widely used in audio interface and consumer electronics applications.

ZP Engineering will combine BridgeCo's comprehensive processor/firmware solutions for the pro audio industry with its extensive experience in high-speed digital design employing FPGA devices, digital signal processors and embedded processors. The BridgeCo relationship adds to ZP Engineering's existing agreements with IC vendors Analog Devices, NetSilicon and QuickLogic.

Umberto Zanghieri, one of ZP Engineering founders, states that "the unique BridgeCo solution, which includes a processor, a complete firmware architecture and host drivers, is already an industry standard. Forthcoming BridgeCo products will add more features to the existing solution, and will become another winning platform in the pro audio market. We believe in BridgeCo solutions, and plan to deploy them in our designs, as well as to develop our own modules based on their high-performance processors."

"ZP Engineering is a widely respected design house that has repeatedly developed innovative and cost-effective products for a variety of audio applications," explained BridgeCo Product Manager Klaus Buchheim. "For OEMs that seek to maximize time-to-market through rapid product development, ZP Engineering offers a complete set of design skills that will enable the realization of robust, proven systems based on the BridgeCo processor and firmware platform."

ZP Engineering can augment BridgeCo's processor and firmware platform with customized software and hardware for specialized market segments. Recent ZP designs include the A&G Soluzioni Digitali's X-Spat card for the Apogee Rosetta-800, a unique 3-D audio editing system for film production and other audio spatialization applications that permit content creators to place specific audio components anywhere in a three-dimensional listening spectrum. The card combines a BridgeCo processor with other devices for 3-D multi-channel processing. The card plugs inside the Rosetta-800, a multi-channel audio converter by Apogee Electronics.