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TRADE NEWS: LXI Consortium Joined by Geotest-Marvin Test Systems Inc.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 20, 2006 -- The LXI Consortium today announced that Geotest-Marvin Test Systems Inc. has joined the standards organization as an advisory member. LXI (LAN eXtensions for Instrumentation) is a next-generation, LAN-based modular platform for automated test systems. As a leading global supplier of PXI- and PC-based test products, systems and solutions, Geotest expands the growing number of test and measurement companies supporting and promoting the LXI standard.

"We are excited about the opportunity to join the LXI Consortium and work with other industry leaders to advance the standard," said Loofie Gutterman, president of Geotest. "With customers in aerospace, semiconductor, telecom, medical, industrial and military applications, we are always looking for new ways

to meet their evolving needs for fast, accurate and cost-effective measurement solutions. We expect that LXI will provide new instrument and system flexibility to help us address our customers' current and future test needs."

LXI combines the built-in measurement science and PC-standard I/O of rack-and-stack instruments with the modularity and size-effectiveness of cardcage-based systems. With LXI, engineers are able to leverage their existing software, measurements and accuracy into new, LXI-based systems. The LXI standard provides a basis for long-lived implementations that are not limited by bandwidth, software or computer-dependent architectures.

About Geotest

A subsidiary of the Marvin Group (Inglewood, Calif.), Geotest-Marvin Test Systems Inc. is a global supplier of PXI- and PC-based test products, systems, and solutions. Geotest's products and systems are used worldwide in thousands of aerospace, semiconductors, communications, medical, industrial, and military test applications. More information is available at www.geotestinc.com.

About the LXI Consortium

LXI is the next-generation, LAN-based modular architecture standard for automated test systems managed by the LXI Consortium, a not-for-profit corporation comprised of leading test and measurement companies. The group's goals are to develop, support and promote the LXI standard. LXI's compact, flexible package, high-speed I/O, and prolific use of LAN meet the needs of aerospace/defense engineers developing radar, electronic warfare, satellite and military communications systems, as well as address a broad range of industrial and commercial applications.

Additional information about the LXI Consortium's product offerings, licensing, specifications and membership is available at www.lxistandard.org.

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