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TRADE NEWS: LXI Consortium
Announces Pickering Interfaces as a New Board Member

SAN DIEGO, CA, Aug. 22, 2005 -- The LXI Consortium today announced that Pickering Interfaces has upgraded their membership to the Strategic Level and assumes a position on the Board of Directors. LXI (LAN extensions for instrumentation) is a next-generation, LAN-based modular platform standard for automated test systems. As a leading supplier of instrumentation and signal management solutions, Pickering Interfaces expands the base of test and measurement companies supporting the development of the LXI standard.

LXI combines built-in measurement science and PC-standard I/O connectivity from rack-and-stack instruments with the modularity and size reduction of cardcage-based systems. With LXI, engineers are able to leverage the software and measurement accuracy they currently have from their GPIB instruments to the test system. The LXI standard provides a basis for long life-cycle instrumentation implementations that are not limited by bandwidth, software or computer-dependent architectures.

“Pickering’s move to be a Strategic Member of the Consortium is indicative of the importance we place on the burgeoning LXI Standard”, said David Owen, Business Development Manager for Pickering Interfaces. "The LXI standard being developed by the LXI Consortium will rapidly become a recognized method of instrument communications. Pickering Interfaces will work to ensure the specification develops to support our customer base and the wider adoption of the standard”.

About Pickering Interfaces

Pickering Interfaces is a market innovator in signal switching and conditioning for a broad range of applications and architectures. With the largest range of switching cards in the industry, Pickering Interfaces has provided solutions to both commercial and military applications. In addition, Pickering’s range of instrumentation provides innovative test solutions to users and integrators of modular test systems.

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 made up 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.

A backgrounder on LXI is available at www.lxistandard.org/find/lxi_backgrounder. Additional information about the LXI Consortium’s product offerings, licensing, specifications and membership is available at www.lxistandard.org.

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