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NTS Selects Ellisys Protocol Test and Analysis Solution for SuperSpeed USB Programs Tools Address Testing Requirements for Rapidly Expanding USB 3.0 Product Ecosystem

Geneva, Switzerland — March 21, 2011 — Ellisys, a worldwide leader in protocol test and analysis solutions, today announced that National Technical Systems Inc. (NASDAQ: NTSC) (NTS), a leading provider of engineering services, has selected the Ellisys Explorer™ 280 protocol test, analysis, and compliance system for use in the company's SuperSpeed USB test and characterization programs. The widely deployed Ellisys Explorer 280 system, the industry's first SuperSpeed USB protocol analyzer/generator system, provides deep-featured protocol and bus analysis, port emulation, and compliance testing for SuperSpeed USB hosts, devices, and hubs.

"We're pleased that NTS has chosen our Explorer 280 SuperSpeed USB protocol analyzer/generator system to serve the test and characterization requirements of its SuperSpeed USB customers," stated Mario Pasquali, Ellisys president. "This full-featured system will enable the NTS team to provide its customers with a detailed understanding of their product's performance and adherence to requirements mandated by the USB 3.0 specification and related compliance requirements."

Providing a Complete USB 3.0 Solution

The Ellisys Explorer 280 SuperSpeed USB protocol test, analysis, and compliance system brings developers the industry's most flexible and comprehensive solution for performance characterization, analysis, and compliance testing of USB 3.0 systems, silicon, and related products. With the industry's only fully hardware-enabled compliance test suite, Examiner™, users can verify adherence of device or host operation to major portions of the USB 3.0 specification in just seconds. The Explorer's powerful, script-based generator provides the heart of the automated Examiner compliance test suite, and also delivers the industry's most capable port emulator, typically used for characterizing a design's robustness, error handling, and performance capabilities. An intuitive and easy-to-use protocol analyzer completes the major feature set, and includes popular Ellisys features such as InstantTiming™ and stream-to-screen captures.

"NTS has a long history of providing best-in-class compliance and test services for USB developers worldwide," said Osman Sakr, NTS CTO. "SuperSpeed USB brings about several major technology changes from previous USB specifications, including increased physical layer, electrical, and protocol complexities. The Ellisys Explorer 280 will enable us to meet the testing challenges presented by these changes and to provide our customers with superb characterizations of their SuperSpeed USB designs."

The Ellisys Approach in USB Test and Analysis

Ellisys prides itself on innovations and technology leadership within the test & measurement industry, adopting a philosophy to avoid the pitfalls and redundancy of "me-too" design approaches, opting for an independent approach to tools development, always in close engineer-to-engineer collaboration with our developer-customers. Since 2000, Ellisys has placed thousands of USB, Wireless USB, and SuperSpeed USB protocol test and analysis products with



satisfied customers in more than 40 countries. Ellisys protocol analysis tools employ a highly configurable and intuitive multi-pane and spreadsheet approach, desired by most developers. Ellisys USB and SuperSpeed USB traffic generation tools, designed to emulate hosts and devices for purposes of compliance, performance, and corner case testing, are widely regarded as the most flexible and powerful available on the market.

Explorer and Examiner Availability, Product Photos, and Information

The Explorer 280 SuperSpeed USB Protocol Analyzer/Generator system (model EX280) and the Examiner compliance test suite (model EX280-EXAM) are available from Ellisys directly or through a worldwide distribution network.

For more information, including software, please contact superspeed@ellisys.com.

A high-resolution photo can be downloaded from: www.ellisys.com/archive/images/usbex280.png

A screenshot of the Analyzer software is available at: www.ellisys.com/archive/images/usbex280a_soft.gif

A screenshot of the Examiner software is available at: www.ellisys.com/archive/images/usbex280e_soft.gif

Additional information can be found at: www.ellisys.com/products/usbex280/

About National Technical Systems

National Technical Systems, Inc. is a leading provider of engineering services to the aerospace, defense telecommunications, automotive and high technology markets. Through a world-wide network of resources, NTS provides full product life-cycle support, offering world class design engineering, compliance, testing, certification, quality registration and program management. For additional information about NTS, visit our website at www.ntscorp.com or call 800-270-2516.

About Ellisys

Ellisys is a Test and Measurement company committed to the design and timely introduction of advanced protocol analysis, test, and compliance solutions for USB, SuperSpeed USB 3.0, WiMedia/UWB/Wireless USB, and *Bluetooth* wireless technology. More information is available on www.ellisys.com.

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