Press Release

EADS North America Test and Services introduces the Racal Instruments™ 1256L, LXI Switching System

IRVINE, Calif., September 16, 2013 – EADS North America Test and Services, a division of EADS North America, Inc., introduces the Racal Instruments™ 1256L, LXI Switching System. The company’s switching systems are used to automate functional testing of a wide range of devices, resulting in improved performance for test time, repeatability, and signal fidelity.

The 1256L is a high-performance modular switching and control system in a compact 2U rack-mountable configuration. It is a successor to the 1256 flagship switching system and is fully compatible with existing Adapt-a-Switch™ plug-in switching and digital I/O modules. The new 1256L offers higher density than its predecessor, with a provision for up to 12 switch and digital I/O cards.

This LXI Core 2011-compliant device also has a new, highly intuitive, powerful, web-based interface providing easy access to all relay and digital I/O states, system preferences, and non-volatile memory features. Coupled with the advanced scan list features, the triggering facilitates rapid automated measurements with minimal user intervention.

“The 1256L is another example of our continuous product development to address evolving requirements of our customers”, said Jim Mulato, president of EADS North America Test and Services. “The 1256 has always been very well received by the industry, and with the LXI interface, the SCPI command set, and the legacy compatibility of the 1256L, we aim to retain our customer loyalty by continuing to provide the greatest switch density in a small footprint.”

With industry-leading switch density and the ability to draw upon a wide range of standard Adapt-a-Switch™ plug-ins, the 1256L can easily be configured for use in switching, RF, microwave, high current, high voltage and digital I/O applications. The 1256L is ideal for use in high channel count and remote control switching applications such as ATE and data acquisition. The 1256L can be controlled remotely via LXI/Ethernet, GPIB, and USB interfaces, is easily programmed, and provides any terminal or computer on the user network with access to the full array of its standard features.

The 1256L was designed and is manufactured in the U.S.A. at EADS North America Test and Services headquarters in Irvine, CA.

About EADS North America Test and Services (www.ts.eads-na.com)
EADS North America Test and Services, a division of EADS North America, is a recognized leader in the test and measurement industry. We design, manufacture and support Automatic Test Equipment (ATE), instruments and
switching systems, integrated systems, and software that are used to assure the quality, safety, and readiness of our customers’ mission-critical products. Manufactured in Irvine, CA, our products are used extensively in production test environments, including many leading electronics, semiconductor, and aerospace companies, as well as in field test environments by all branches of the military.

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Racal Instruments™ 1256L LXI Switching System  (High Resolution Photo Available Upon Request)

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