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TRADE NEWS: LXI Consortium Joined by Racal Instruments Inc., an EADS North America Company

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 24, 2005 -- The LXI Consortium today announced that Racal Instruments Inc. will join the recently formed standards organization. LXI (LAN extensions for instrumentation) is a next-generation, LAN-based modular platform standard for automated test systems. As a leading supplier of automatic test equipment, Racal Instruments 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.

“We are pleased to join the LXI Consortium as a strategic member and look forward to working with the other members in developing and refining the LXI

specification,” says Dr. Mark Minot, vice president of Racal Instruments. “The standard being developed by this consortium will usher in the next-generation test platform, a platform that is both cost-effective and efficient. We are excited about being involved with the development process and look forward to the continued development of state-of-the-art test solutions.”

About Racal Instruments

Racal Instruments, an EADS North America Co., designs, manufactures, sells and services electronic test and measurement equipment and systems to leading high-technology customers throughout the world. It has facilities in the United States, United Kingdom, France, Italy and Germany, and a sales and support network in over 80 countries. The company offers an extensive range of products and services, from modular instruments to turnkey automatic test systems. These are ideal for use in a wide variety of applications, including commercial functional test and measurement, laser diode burn-in and production, microcomputer production and jet engine test. Among the key market sectors the company serves are military, aerospace, marine, medical, telecommunications, semiconductor and commercial manufacturing. More information is available at www.racalstruments.com.

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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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