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World's First LXI Products Certified and Licensed

LXI Board Approves Licensing for Agilent Technologies, Pickering Interfaces Products

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 13, 2005 -- The LXI Consortium announced today that the Agilent Technologies N5700 and N6700 modular power supplies and the 60-100 modular switching chassis from Pickering Interfaces are the world's first certified LXI products. The LXI Board officially approved the Conformance Committee's recommendation to license the LXI logo to these products.

"This represents a tremendous amount of work and achievement by the member companies," said Bob Rennard, LXI Consortium president. "We just finished our third Plugfest in November, where momentum continues to build for LXI. These products promise to be the beginning of a very broad multi-company line-up of LXI products."

The Agilent N6700 low-profile modular power system simplifies test-system assembly, programming, debugging and operation. Agilent N5700 Series system DC power supply offers the industry's highest power density with up to 1500W in a space-saving 1U-high (1-EIA rack unit).

The Pickering Interfaces 60-100 modular switching chassis will enable seven or 13 Pickering Interfaces' 3U switching modules to be supported in an LXI environment.

“We are very pleased to have made it to this recognition point so fast,” said Scott Sampl, vice president and general manager, Agilent’s System Products Division. “Agilent is committed to delivering products that meet the LXI standard, enabling fast, efficient and cost-effective creation of test systems for worldwide deployment.”

“New standards can be difficult to get going quickly,” said David Owen, business development manager for Pickering Interfaces. “The 60-100 modular switching chassis provides the critical mass for LXI switching applications. It allows users to choose the best control interface for the application from a wide range of modules. We’re excited to be the first for LXI with this product.”

While all products are currently available for shipment from their respective companies, updated versions of these products bearing the LXI logo will begin shipping as early as January 2006.

Further Information

- o Agilent N6700 and N5700 Series power supplies:
www.agilent.com/find/N6700 or www.agilent.com/find/n5700
- o Pickering Interfaces product information: www.pickeringtest.com
- o About the LXI consortium: www.lxistandard.org

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, 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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