

Firecomms Chief Elected to Board of Directors for 1394 Trade Association

Cork, Ireland—January 21, 2003— Firecomms CEO, Declan O’Mahoney, has been elected to the 2003 board of directors for the 1394 Trade Association (1394 TA) during its first quarter meetings. O’Mahoney joins representatives from leading technology companies like Apple Computer, Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, Molex, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Sony Corp., and Texas Instruments to direct the activities of the association, which comprises 170 member companies.

The 1394 Trade Association is an international organization dedicated to the proliferation and advancement of the 1394/FireWire standard, and to the maintenance of a vigorous compliance and interoperability testing program.

“Firecomms creates world-class optical light sources for use at the speeds required by the 1394b specifications,” says Declan O’Mahoney, CEO of Firecomms. “As our company is working with partners and customers worldwide in the development of 1394-compliant products,” continues O’Mahoney, “my personal involvement with the 1394 board will allow me to lend my support to the continued growth of this standard.”

About Firecomms Ltd.

Firecomms Ltd. is building a significant intellectual property portfolio with light source technology that overcomes existing technical difficulties to allow information to be carried via simple plastic optical fibre (POF) rather than much more expensive, sophisticated and difficult to install glass fibre optic cable. As a result, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) can use the company’s high-speed compound semiconductor light sources for cost-effective solutions in industrial, commercial and personal electronic applications where glass fibre optics would be prohibitively expensive.

The Cork, Ireland based company uses a fabless business model, conducting product development in Ireland in association with the Ireland’s national information communications technology (ICT) research centre, NMRC, and outsourcing the manufacturing process to the most competitive, high quality sub-contractors overseas.

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