



Wolfson signs up Future Electronics as a global distribution partner to broaden customer base among consumer and industrial electronics OEMs

Edinburgh, UK, 18 January 2010 – Wolfson Microelectronics, the fast-growing UK manufacturer of high performance audio and mixed-signal semiconductor solutions, today announced it has signed a franchise agreement that makes Future Electronics its primary global distributor.

The franchise agreement is effective immediately and Future Electronics is authorised to sell all Wolfson products globally.

The new partnership with Future Electronics is part of a drive by Wolfson to widen its customer base and address the proliferation of audio and mixed-signal applications in consumer and industrial products.

Andrew Bickley, Sales Director (Europe) at Wolfson, said: “High performance audio and mixed-signal semiconductor solutions are no longer only found in portable music players and hi-fis; they are being designed into hundreds of products, from TVs and set-top boxes, to mobile phones and mobile accessories, car infotainment, secure-access systems and medical electronics devices. This broad base of potential customers needs the technical and logistical support of a top-ranking, global technical distributor, and that is why we have chosen to franchise Future Electronics.”

Wolfson selected Future Electronics because of its expertise in technical sales, in particular its teams of Field Applications Engineers in local branches across Europe, the Middle East, Africa (EMEA), the Americas and Asia; and its System Design Centres in Egham (UK) and Montreal (Canada), which provide design services and Future-Blox development boards to customers, and Asia which provides turn-key design services and proof of concept designs.

In addition, Future Electronics has proven capability in tracking new designs across borders. Many of the consumer and industrial devices that use Wolfson devices are designed in EMEA or North America and manufactured in Asia.

Colin Weaving, Technical Sales Director at Future Electronics (EMEA), said: ‘This is a fantastically exciting new opportunity for Future Electronics. Wolfson makes world-class products that offer market-leading performance in terms of sound quality and power efficiency.

‘We can see a huge amount of demand for products such as silicon microphones, high-performance digital-to-audio converters and low-power audio ICs.’

Accompanying image includes (left to right)

Andy Keenan, VP of Marketing, Future Electronics (EMEA)

Dan Casey, Managing Director, Future Electronics (EMEA)

Mike Hickey, CEO, Wolfson Microelectronics

Andy Brannan, Chief Commercial Officer, Wolfson Microelectronics

About Wolfson Microelectronics

Wolfson Microelectronics is a global leader in the supply of high performance, mixed-signal semiconductor solutions to the consumer electronics market. In the home, in the office and on the move, Wolfson's innovative technology can be found at the heart of many of the world's leading digital consumer goods, including premier hi-fi equipment, mobile phones, MP3 players, flat panel TVs, digital still cameras and portable navigation devices.

The company's headquarters is located in Edinburgh, UK. Wolfson's customers are located worldwide, and so is Wolfson, with design centres, sales offices, applications teams and engineering expertise across Europe, the US and Asia.

Wolfson Microelectronics plc is listed on the London stock exchange (LSE: WLF.L).

For more information about Wolfson Microelectronics, please visit:

www.wolfsonmicro.com

About Future Electronics

Future Electronics, a global leader in electronics distribution, ranks 3rd in component sales worldwide. Founded in 1968, the company has emerged as one of the most important entities in the electronics distribution industry and, today, is recognised around the globe among the industry's most innovative organizations. This position is built upon Future's commitment to maintain close business partnerships with both suppliers and customers, coupled with the strength of its commercial and technical competencies through all stages of the design-production cycle. Future employs over 5000 people operating in 169 locations in 41 countries worldwide.

Future Electronics' web site can be accessed at www.futureelectronics.com

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