ETHERNET ALLIANCE HOSTS IEEE 802.3 JANUARY INTERIM MEETING

Leading technology organizations come together to discuss and advance the future of Ethernet

BEAVERTON, OR, January 18, 2012 – The [Ethernet Alliance](#), a global consortium dedicated to the continued success and advancement of Ethernet technologies, today announced it will play host to the IEEE 802.3 January Interim Meeting. The week-long gathering brings together key stakeholders to discuss and address IEEE 802.3 Ethernet technologies, and lay a foundation for Ethernet's continued expansion and evolution. The IEEE 802.3 January Interim Meeting will be held from January 23 – 27, 2012 at the Fairmont Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA.

The conference will kick off on Monday with a meeting of the Ethernet MIB Task Force. Other IEEE 802.3 groups slated to meet during the week include:

- Maintenance Standing Task Force
- Industry Connections Ethernet Bandwidth Assessment Ad Hoc
- Next Generation 100 Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) Optical Ethernet Study Group
- EPON PHY for Coax Study Group
- Extended EPON Study Group
- 100 GbE Backplane and Copper Cable Task Force

For additional information regarding the meeting please see http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e4y9n3wia6bed54a&llr=bqlaqkgab.

Looking ahead to the IEEE 802 March 2012 Plenary Meeting scheduled for March 2012 in Waikoloa, HI, themes to be discussed showcase the continuing expansion of Ethernet. Topics under consideration for further study or action include Ethernet's use in automotive applications; the expansion of the 40 GbE optical family; and aggregating Ethernet using WDM. For more information regarding these call-for-interest activities, please see http://www.ieee802.org/3/index.html.

"The mission of the Ethernet Alliance is to expand the Ethernet ecosystem, support Ethernet development through concensus building and promote Ethernet technologies," said John D'Ambrosia, chairman, Ethernet Alliance Board of Directors. "In our support of the IEEE 802.3

Interim Session the Ethernet Alliance fulfills its mission to facilitate industry activities that further Ethernet's acceptance and usage across the globe throughout 2012 and beyond."

For more information about EA, please visit www.ethernetalliance.org, follow @EthernetAllianc on Twitter, visit its Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ethernet-Alliance/175317229233420, or join the EA LinkedIn group at http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Ethernet-Alliance-3910011.

About the Ethernet Alliance
The Ethernet Alliance is a global consortium that includes system and component vendors, industry experts and university and government professionals who are committed to the continued success and expansion of Ethernet technology. The Ethernet Alliance takes Ethernet standards to market by supporting activities that span from incubation of new Ethernet technologies to interoperability demonstrations and education.

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