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DEARBORN GROUP SHOWCASES NEW LIN MODULE AT CONVERGENCE 2002

Detroit, MI; October 18, 2002--Dearborn Group (DG), leading supplier of technology for in-vehicle and controller area (CAN) networks will demonstrate its new LIN (Local Interconnect Network) module at Cobo Hall, Oct. 21-23 for Convergence International 2002. DG's module was developed utilizing the LIN protocol standard that is a low-end communication system comprised of one master node and one or more slave nodes designed for use in distributed electronic systems in cars. Due to its ability to work with a master or a slave, the LIN module in conjunction with DG's Ethernet hardware interface, Gryphon, is ideal for use in any test and/or validation design. Also included in DG's LIN package is the monitoring software, GryphMon that can also work with either node of the LIN communication network as well.

About LIN

The LIN network's primary development was motivated by the need for low cost multiplex communication for automotive manufacturers and suppliers to create, implement, and maintain complex multiplex systems both efficiently and economically. It is an open protocol standard that is targeted for automotive applications, but will most likely expand into other areas in the future

LIN specifications are developed and maintained by the LIN Consortium whose founding members include car manufacturers Audi AG, BMW, DaimlerChrysler AG, Volkswagon, and Volvo AB, along with tool vendor, Volcano Communications Technology, and semiconductor manufacturer, Motorola. The protocol is steadily gaining international recognition, and has generated much interest in Korea and Japan as well as the US.

DG Gryphon

Gryphon is a hardware interface that provides remote connectivity for multiplexed automation and automotive communication networks. It uses an Ethernet connection to provide a high-speed user interface for applications such as diagnostics, monitoring, and troubleshooting, as well as custom applications. An embedded Linux operating system and standard TCP/IP services ensure interconnectivity with a large number of existing PCs, workstations, and network hardware systems. Users can write their own applications, by means of the provided client communication protocol specification. This specification defines the format of messages passed over a TCP connection between Gryphon and a client.

About DG

Dearborn Group Inc. (DG) specializes in technology for in-vehicle and controller area (CAN) networks. DG provides hardware and software tools, technical training, and custom consulting to many test, development, and production engineers, along with service technicians. Our products and services are found in many industries including automotive, truck and bus, industrial control, robotics, mass transportation, agriculture, and construction. We maintain our headquarters in Farmington Hills, MI, and have several international locations to serve our valuable customers.