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Blackhawk™ delivers 3rd generation and vastly improved USB560 JTAG Emulator for TI DSPs

Mount Laurel, N.J. (February 28, 2006) – Blackhawk™, a leader in the design of digital signal processor (DSP) hardware and software development tools, announced today the availability of a third-generation version of its industry standard USB560 JTAG Emulator (USB560).

The new USB560 JTAG Emulator model (USB560BP) supports all of the features and performance you have come to expect from Texas Instruments (TI) XDS560 advanced emulation technology. These features include, but are not limited to; a variable test clock (TCK) running up to 50 MHz, high-speed real time data exchange (HS-RTDX), advanced event triggering, and a highly flexible JTAG cable connection suitable for use from 5.0 volts down to 0.5 volts to support the TI low-voltage device roadmap.

THE USB560BP (\$2975.00 list) is smaller than previous versions and does not require any external power. It is powered directly from the Universal Serial Bus (USB) connection, making it the most portable XDS-class JTAG emulator ever built. It uses a USB 2.0 compliant controller, which achieves speeds up to 40 megabits per second (mbps) for increased speed and faster code download performance. Blackhawk pioneered the USB JTAG emulator for TI DSPs and the USB560BP continues with the performance, speed, portability, and quality with which the Blackhawk name has become synonymous.

“We examined closely the way in which we could make our USB560 emulator better.” Said Brian Nix, President, EWA Technologies, Inc., the parent company of Blackhawk. “We concluded that making it more portable would be very important to TI DSP developers; Nix added.

Weighing less than 5 ounces, the USB560BP is extremely well suited for travel and use with notebook computers. Without the need to supply external power, packing the USB560BP for use in the field requires only a USB cable.

The Blackhawk USB560BP supports TMS320™ DSPs, TMS470™ (ARM®) families, OMAP™ platforms and the new DaVinci™ Technology from TI. It is compatible with the TI Code Composer Studio (CCStudio) integrated development environment (IDE), v2.2 and later, as well as the CCStudio flashburn plug-in utilities.

About Blackhawk

Blackhawk™, a division of EWA Technologies, Inc., of Herndon, Virginia, provides hardware and software for the rapid development of DSP-based applications for a wide variety of vertical markets. Blackhawk™ is a TI DSP total solutions provider for development hardware, advanced JTAG emulators, Real-Time Operating Systems, design services and consulting. For more information on Blackhawk, please visit <http://www.blackhawk-dsp.com>

All Blackhawk emulators are available in the US & Canada exclusively through Ultimate Solutions (USI), based in Tewksbury, Mass.

About Ultimate Solutions, Inc.

Ultimate Solutions, based in Tewksbury, Mass., specializes in distributing professional tools to embedded developers. "Blackhawk's line of JTAG emulators have proven to be rock solid products, and the USB560BP is no exception" said USI's Vice President of Sales, Peter Tympanick, "This next generation bus-powered product is an improvement on an already high quality product and offers the portability needed by engineers today.", Peter added.

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