



## NEWS RELEASE

### **G.hn Moves from Specification to Reality**

***HomeGrid Forum, Broadband Forum and Multiple Silicon Vendors Celebrate Resounding Success at the Close of the First Open G.hn Interoperability Plugfest***

**Beaverton, Ore., June 7, 2011** – In a win for the wired home networking industry, four G.hn chipset manufacturers converged in Geneva, Switzerland for the world's first open G.hn Interoperability Plugfest. A joint effort of HomeGrid Forum and the Broadband Forum hosted at the ITU-T's global headquarters and organized by University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory (UNH-IOL), the event presented the first open opportunity for silicon vendors to test the interoperability of their products, based on the G.hn home networking standard, which will be globally deployed by many service providers, PC manufacturers, appliance manufacturers and consumer electronics companies.

Lantiq, Marvell Semiconductor, Metanoia, and Sigma Designs participated in the interoperability event with their G.hn silicon test platforms. The success achieved highlights the maturity of the various vendors' designs as well as the completeness of the G.hn standard. G.hn interoperability is critical as it ensures a common standard for very high speed home networking options across different wired media.

"G.hn is here. It's now," said Matt Theall President of HomeGrid Forum. "Service providers are excited we have concluded this event and we are thrilled to report the successful completion of the testing. G.hn is already a reality with silicon now ready for deployment."

"The Broadband Forum is very happy that the first G.hn Interoperability Plugfest has been completed successfully. We look forward to the next steps in completing the test plans required to enable interoperability of G.hn products," said Robin Mersh, CEO of the Broadband Forum.

HomeGrid Forum is rolling out its Compliance and Interoperability certification program in 2011, allowing HomeGrid Forum certified products to be brought to the market this year and establishing a new industry benchmark of technology excellence for wired home networking.

A series of additional G.hn plugfests is being scheduled for this year.

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#### **About HomeGrid Forum**

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