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**UTMC DIVERSIFIES PRODUCT PORTFOLIO
WITH MIXED-SIGNAL PRODUCT LINE**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO -- – UTMC Microelectronic Systems Inc. (UTMC), an Aeroflex company, announces its entry into the commercial/industrial mixed-signal marketplace. Its initial product offerings will be mixed-signal IC design services and ASICs. This diversification effort expands UTMC's current activities in the data-networking marketplace and complements current product offerings in the high-reliability standard product and ASIC areas.

To support this effort, UTMC has opened a West Coast Design Center (WCDC) in Orange County, California staffed with a team of mixed-signal design experts previously with Raytheon/Hughes MED. This team has over 150 years of IC design experience and has successfully designed and released into production custom mixed-signal ASIC's for commercial, industrial, automotive, telecommunications, medical, military, and space applications. The WCDC staff brings with them their familiarity with customer requirements and their extensive technical knowledge applicable to these requirements.

Examples of designs this team has implemented include: Spread spectrum receiver/transmitter ICs, Low noise circuits for medical imaging, RF tag ICs, Display drivers and Data Converters.

The WCDC specializes in exploiting technologies that integrate analog, digital and non-volatile functions. This allows ASIC functions that can be electrically configured, trimmed for performance, data stored for use after power down – power up cycles, and adding unique identification codes to products. The WCDC is open and currently working on customer-specific mixed-signal designs.

“UTMC is excited about offering the design talents of the WCDC engineers to the mixed-signal ASIC marketplace,” said Charles H. “Nick” Ide, president. “This is a natural extension of UTMC’s semicustom ASIC business and opens up significant new growth markets for UTMC. We plan to offer a line of mixed-signal standard products in the future.”

“We are a fabless semiconductor company and we will continue our fabless strategy,” stated Ide. “The flexibility of this strategy allows us to find and utilize the process technologies that best fit customers’ unique requirements. The WCDC maintains a proprietary scalable design library for mixed-signal ASIC design that provides vendor and technology independence. This capability allows UTMC and our customers to more fully exploit the advantages offered by third-party wafer fabrication.”

UTMC, an Aeroflex Incorporated subsidiary, is a supplier of semicustom and standard VLSI circuits and custom circuit card assemblies. UTMC has received Qualified Manufacturer List (QML) certification for Class Q, Class T and Class V and ISO 9002 Registration from Underwriters Laboratory. Additionally, UTMC has received a letter of compliance for ISO 9001 from the Defense Supply Center Columbus.

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For a copy of the UTMC Mixed-Signal Fact Sheet call 1-800-645-UTMC, write UTMC, 4350 Centennial Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907, or visit UTMC’s home page at www.utmc.com.