Acquisition gives Helicomm Taiwan-based presence, expands product portfolio

Carlsbad, California – Helicomm, a leading wireless networking solutions provider, today announced that it has acquired WirelessPlug, a leading maker of wireless data acquisition products for the machine-to-machine (M2M) market in Asia.

WirelessPlug provides wireless wide area networking solutions to a large number of customers throughout Asia. WirelessPlug’s wide area intelligent terminals utilize GPRS, GSM and CDMA technologies. Along with its sever middleware software, these M2M terminals are deployed in applications such as meter reading, industrial automation, oil and gas field monitoring, environmental monitoring, and traffic management.

“This acquisition leverages Helicomm’s already strong position in the ZigBee short-range wireless market, and clearly demonstrates how leading companies are aligning their businesses to offer customers complete M2M solutions, said Glen Allmendinger, president of Harbor Research and a veteran of the M2M industry. “The integrated solutions as a result of this acquisition will make it easier for customers to deploy wireless M2M solutions worldwide,” he added.

“The combination of Helicomm’s embedded wireless modules and network gateways with WirelessPlug’s industrial-grade, wide area wireless intelligent terminals and server middleware software provides customers with a complete, end-to-end solution to meet their remote monitoring and control needs, said Helicomm president, Jack Sun. He added, “Customers can
now have a single point of contact and an integrated, standards-based wireless platform on which to deploy their M2M applications worldwide,” he said.

“Our customers will benefit from Helicomm’s short-range ZigBee networking solutions by allowing them to cost-effectively aggregate data from multiple wireless sensors or assets for transport over a wide area networking using our WirelessPlug modems, said Michael Li, president of WirelessPlug. “We have already partnered to introduce packaged ZigBee-based data acquisition products for wireless mesh RS232 / RS485 communications using Helicomm’s IP-Link embedded modules, and look forward to bringing other innovative and integrated solutions to the market” he added.

About Helicomm (www.helicomm.com)
Based in Carlsbad, CA, with a wholly owned subsidiary in Beijing, China, Helicomm provides wireless networking solutions built upon the ZigBee, IEEE 802.15.4 and IPv6 global standards for reliable, secure, low-power, cost-effective wireless networks. Helicomm’s wireless modules, network gateways, networking software and development tools provide customers the quickest, easiest way to integrate wireless networking into their products and systems.

About WirelessPlug (www.wirelessplug.com)
Based in Taipei, Taiwan WirelessPlug was founded in 2002 to provide an end-to-end GPRS/CDMA M2M application platform. The solutions include a series of intelligent embedded GPRS/CDMA terminals, a Windows-based configuration tool Plugene™, PlugMaster™ server middleware software as well as an API linking the network to applications.

About the ZigBee Alliance (www.zigbee.org)
The ZigBee Alliance is an industry association of companies working to enable reliable, cost-effective, low-power, wirelessly networked, monitoring and control products based on an open global standard. The ZigBee Alliance is a rapidly growing, non-profit industry consortium of leading semiconductor manufacturers, technology providers, OEMs and end-users worldwide. Membership is open to all.

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