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### ***HomePNA Expands Membership with Two Semiconductor Companies Joining the Alliance***

*Momentum grows as HomePNA adds more semiconductor solution providers to its roster of members*

SAN RAMON, Calif. – August 9, 2006 – The HomePNA Alliance today announced that two semiconductor companies joined the alliance, increasing the number of semiconductor vendors to four. The new members are STMicroelectronics (NYSE: STM), the worldwide leader in silicon solutions for set-top boxes, and Kawasaki Microelectronics, a wholly owned subsidiary of JFE Holdings, and a leader in advanced application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) technology. These industry leaders' products are integrated into broadband modems, routers and IP set-top boxes to facilitate the delivery of new IP-enabled entertainment services to customers.

“We see HomePNA technology continuing to gain strong momentum with service providers as a preferred means of distributing IPTV in customers' homes,” said Christos Lagomichos, vice president and general manager of STMicroelectronics' Home Entertainment Group. “Joining the HomePNA Alliance enables us to develop and better support compelling solutions for this rapidly growing market.”

“We are pleased to be members of HomePNA,” said Hisaya Keida, Chief Technology Officer, Kawasaki Microelectronics, Inc. “We look forward to working closely with its members on new specifications and products integrating the technology,”

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HomePNA 3.0 technology, standardized by the ITU in May 2005, is a leading technology option for in-home distribution of new triple-play services such as IPTV. Its unique blend of high speed, robust performance, low cost, guaranteed QoS, and the ability to operate simultaneously over both phone lines and coax cables make it uniquely suited to the needs of service providers for deploying new services.

“We welcome two additional semiconductor manufacturers to the alliance,” said Rich Nesin, president of HomePNA. “This is indicative of the momentum that HomePNA continues to build as major service providers roll out IPTV services that rely on HomePNA technology.”

### ***About HomePNA***

HomePNA is an incorporated, non-profit association of industry-leading companies working together to help ensure the adoption of networking industry standards using existing home wiring. Members of HomePNA develop industry standards over both phone line and coax cables with the intent to rapidly bring to market a range of interoperable data and audio/video home networking solutions.

Founded in June 1998, HomePNA’s membership includes cutting-edge international companies spanning the networking, telecommunications, hardware, software and consumer electronics industries. For more information on HomePNA, visit [www.homepna.org](http://www.homepna.org).

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