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SIGPRO Partners with WIPRO to Develop Centium™ Superchip for Wireless PCDs

*Partnership will speed development of superchip for
personal communication devices*

Ottawa, Canada — March 22, 2001 — SIGPRO Wireless Inc. of Ottawa, Canada and WIPRO Technologies of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to accelerate the development of SIGPRO's Centium™ superchip for wireless personal communication devices (PCDs). WIPRO, India's software giant, will provide software and ASIC design expertise to complement SIGPRO's design team currently engaged in the design and development of a critical System-on-Chip (SoC), and associated software solutions, for up-and-coming PCDs. Both companies are optimistic that this relationship will lead to further business activities and the development of a partnership between SIGPRO and Wipro. SIGPRO is designing a powerful programmable superchip called Centium™ to drive the 3rd and 4th generation (3G & 4G) wireless personal communication devices capable of supporting a multitude of applications including communication (cell phones), computation (palm computers), information (email/web access) and navigation.

Dr. Sundara Murthy, Founder, Chairman and CEO of SIGPRO Wireless Inc, sees SIGPRO's partnership with Wipro as a symbiotic one, where strong partnerships are necessary and vital to address the opportunities in the Wireless Internet space. "We see an overwhelming need for combining SIGPRO's strong technical vision and leadership with WIPRO's powerful design and development team to meet market timeline and cost expectations" said Dr. Murthy. "The phenomenal increase in venture injection in the Ottawa region has practically drained our technical resource pool. Our relationship with WIPRO gives us access to a large, experienced, and talented pool of ASIC and software design engineers. The software and ASIC design expertise available from WIPRO is second to none in the world" said Dr. Murthy. "This new strategic alliance will expedite the implementation of the next generation wireless ASIC and System-on-Chip (SoC) products faster than we originally anticipated. That is not only exciting for us but also for the market place."

Wipro Technologies is a part of Wipro Limited (NYSE:WIT), and is a leading global provider of highend IT solutions. The IT solutions provided include application development services to corporate enterprises and design realization services to technology companies. Wipro Technologies employs over 5,000 engineering professionals who provide technical services to some of the largest global telecommunication companies in the world. Dr. A.L Rao, President of the Telecom & Inter-Networking Division of Wipro traveled to Ottawa to personally

sign the MoU. Dr. Rao said, "WIPRO is a world leader in design support services in Wireless Internet areas and currently has partnership arrangements with such world leaders as Nortel, Ericsson, Nokia, Lucent, Motorola, etc."

"We see the arrangement with SIGPRO as unique both from technical and business points of view," said Dr. Rao. "I am happy that our team will help design one of the most powerful SoC's in the wireless Internet area. From a business point of view, we hope to enhance our value proposition by creating IP cores that SIGPRO may need. This is a strategic opportunity for WIPRO to be involved with SIGPRO and together we are destined for success."

SIGPRO Develops Technology to "Empower the Individual"

SIGPRO is well positioned to deliver products and services to the rapidly changing and emerging world of the Wireless Internet that is being revolutionized by the adoption of common and high-speed transmission standards globally. Coined as '3G' and '4G' (third and fourth generation) standards, they will spawn all Personal Communication Devices (PCDs) that will empower users with accessibility to Communication, Computation, Information and Navigation in a single device. "The demand for PCDs, commonly known as hand-held communication devices, is expected to be around 1.6 Billion by 2003 and about 2.5 Billion by the year 2010" said Dr. Murthy. Market studies by various experts confirm this claim. "Companies involved in addressing the hardware, software and service opportunities of this market will flourish. SIGPRO is well positioned in capitalizing this opportunity both from technology and timing points of view", said Dr. Murthy.

About SIGPRO Wireless Inc. (www.sigprowireless.com)

SIGPRO Wireless Inc. is a pre-IPO company engaged in the development of critical System-on-Chip (SoC) and associated software solutions for the next generation of wireless Personal Communication Devices (PCDs). These PCDs include cellular phones, handheld computers, handheld email devices, and personal navigators. With the SIGPRO chip inside, the next generation of wireless devices will be deployed to deliver personal communication, computation, information and navigation services to empower individuals anywhere and anytime.

Headquartered in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, SIGPRO is in the process of opening offices in Southern California and Southern India.

For more information about SIGPRO, please email us: hutchinson@sigprowireless.com or visit our web site at www.sigprowireless.com.

About Wipro Limited:

Wipro Limited is the first IT services company in the world to be assessed at SEI CMM Level 5. Wipro provides research and development services to telecom and electronic product companies, and software solutions to global enterprises.

In the Indian market, Wipro is a leader in providing IT solutions and services to the corporate segment. The services offered include in systems integration, network integration and IT services. Wipro also has a profitable presence in niche market segments of consumer products and lighting.

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Front Row: Dr. A. L. Rao. (L), President, Telecomm Division of WIPRO & Dr. K. M. S. Murthy, President & CEO **SIGPRO Wireless Inc.**

Back Row: David Govier, Controller (L), and Gary Hutchinson, Program Director, both of SIGPRO.