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ZF Micro Signs Agreement with Tri-M Systems to Distribute 486 PC-on-a-Chip

Palo Alto, California, October 23, 2006: ZF Micro Solutions has entered into an agreement with Tri-M Systems, Inc. to act as its representative and distributor in the US and Canada.

Announcing the deal with ZF Micro, Tri-M Systems' President, Doug Stead, said, "Tri-M Systems is extremely pleased to be distributing the ZFx86 single chip PC. The ZFx86 technology is amazing, offering solution designers a fully integrated PC on a chip, without sacrificing compatibility, flexibility and reliability in a single 388 pin BGA device. Those needing a cost effective alternative to multi-chip embedded PC solutions will be impressed, to say nothing of the speed with which they can bring a new design to successful fruition."

Commenting after the signing, David Feldman, ZF Micro Solutions' President said that ZF recognized the value of Tri-M's "solutions" approach to OEM application engineering. "Based on their successful track record completing and marketing designs based on the ZFx86 I am confident that Tri-M has the infrastructure and design-support capabilities to meet the technical and commercial needs of our North American customer base."

About ZFx86 PC-on-a-Chip

The ZFx86 is an x86 System-on-a-Chip incorporating 486 motherboard functionality in a single device. It runs a wide variety of operating systems including DOS, Linux, Windows 95/98/NT/CE and most Real-Time systems. It comes bundled with the ZF Embedded BIOS based on a Phoenix Technologies kernel so OEMs do not have to pay BIOS license fees or incur expensive and time-consuming BIOS ports. At less than 1Watt it is the lowest power x86 embedded controller on the market. The patented ZF FailSafe System makes it the only X86 System-on-a-Chip that boots autonomously on power-up and can operate even if all system software has been destroyed or corrupted. FailSafe also allows upgrades over the Internet and eliminates the risk of irrecoverable crashes. It is the perfect End-Of-Life Replacement for 186, 386 or 486 products other manufacturers have recently discontinued eliminating the need to re-write or re-validate code that is debugged and functional.

About ZF Micro Solutions

ZF Micro Solutions is a privately held company founded by David Feldman, the creator of the PC/104 IEEE standard and the 5¼ inch form factor embedded Single Board Computer. Feldman pioneered FailSafe systems in 1995 when he founded ZF. The company reduced small form factor boards to a single chip combining x86 PC functionality with ZF's patented fail-safe technology. ZF Micro Solutions (www.zfmicro.com) is headquartered in Palo Alto, California.

About Tri-M Systems

Tri-M Systems Inc. provides hardware and turnkey solutions for embedded systems, specializing in PC/104 products. The company was founded by Douglas Stead in 1983. Since then it has provided the utmost in customer service and quality products. Tri-M Systems offers extensive design, engineering, and other technical services for standard, semi-custom, and custom requirements through its engineering partner Tri-M Engineering Inc.

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