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Ionics Unveils Smallest Full-Feature Plug Computer, Powered by Marvell Sheeva CPU Technology

Broadening Marvell's plug computing ecosystem Ionics unveils new form factor for SheevaPlug development kit

Calamba City, Philippines (June 24, 2009) — Ionics EMS (SGX: ION), a leading electronics manufacturing services provider with a 35-year track record, announced collaboration with Marvell to manufacture and provide the smallest full-feature SheevaPlug™ development kit. The Ionics' plug computer is ultra compact in form and robust with memory capacities of 512MB DDR2 and 512MB of NAND flash. Two units can be placed side by side or form a plug farm of varied applications on an extension cord without blocking the adjacent socket space.

"We are delighted to work with Marvell to support and expand the plug computing ecosystem," said Larry Qua, Founding Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Ionics EMS Inc. "We believe the Ionics' form factor for the SheevaPlug development kit offers an innovative and convenient solution for cutting-edge consumers to secure and manage their digital assets."

Marvell, a leader in the development of storage, communications, and consumer silicon solutions, introduced plug computing to make high-performance, always on, always connected, and environmentally friendly computing readily available for developers and end-users. Plug computing has been quickly expanding, bringing users new devices, services, and value-added applications as well as delivering advanced avenues for network connectivity.

"Marvell is pleased to have Ionics manufacture a smaller form factor of the SheevaPlug development kit," said Dr Simon Milner, Vice President and General Manager of the Enterprise Business Unit, Consumer and Communications Business Group at Marvell Semiconductor. "We believe Ionics's expertise in manufacturing can help expand Marvell's plug computing initiative by attracting new developers and plug computing adopters worldwide."

The Ionics SheevaPlug development kits are outfitted for regional electrical specifications. Developers and service providers can purchase the kit at www.plugcomputer.org beginning at the end of July 2009.

Ionics EMS Inc. is a Philippine-based electronics services provider offering EMS and ODM services with product design, prototyping and manufacturing capabilities. It has strong expertise and experience in all product categories particularly in the telecommunications, both wired and wireless. For more information, visit www.ionics-ems.com.

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