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Exar Adds Rochester Electronics to Global Distributor Network

Legacy and End-of-Life Products Supported by Recognized Market Leader

Fremont, California, -- January 21, 2008 - Exar Corporation (Nasdaq: EXAR) announced today that Rochester Electronics LLC, the world's leading authorized solution for aftermarket semiconductor support, has been added to Exar's authorized global distributor list. Rochester will augment Exar's efforts to ensure adequate product supply and support for Exar's portfolio of products that have entered their final stages of manufacturing viability, but are still needed in an array of applications.

"Our partnership with Rochester ensures customers will not only get adequate product supplies, but the help they need in any ongoing support" said Gene Schaeffer, vice president, Worldwide Sales.

"Rochester is committed to providing Exar and their customers the most capable support possible for discontinued products," said Curt Gerrish, Rochester Founder and CEO. "Exar's communications, interface, and power management products are critical to many existing and continuing customer applications, which will require ongoing product supply and support."

About Rochester Electronics, LLC

Rochester Electronics, LLC. is the world's most comprehensive source and solution for discontinued semiconductors. Authorized by over 40 leading semiconductor manufacturers, Rochester purchases all remaining finished devices, wafer/die and available tooling. All products are 100% manufacturer direct with complete traceability and certification. Rochester's product offering includes more than two billion finished devices, six billion die and over 20,000 Rochester continuing manufacturing device

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