

Analog and I/O Interface Markets Climb due to Improving Conditions in the PC Industry

Reno, NV (December 8, 2003) – The health of the computer industry is one of the leading indicators for performance in the analog and I/O interface IC markets. Good news for the PC market has been permeating the media for sometime now, and momentum has definitely picked up during the third quarter noting higher earnings projections from industry bellwether Intel Corp., strong demand reported by DRAM manufacturers, and double digit increases for PC shipments predicted worldwide.

Industry analyst firm Databeans, Inc. has been tracking the interface market and predicts an increase of 10% for interface revenue and a 21% increase for unit shipments for products including line, communications, and display drivers. I/O interface product shipments, products such as UARTs, MODEMs, and Ethernet, should jump 28% this year, while revenue remains flat due to the significant price erosion occurring in this market.

According to two new reports now available from Databeans Inc., Interface and UARTs, the interface market is on the road to recovery. “Global interface revenue should continue to prosper through the current buying cycle. While the US PC market continues to lack strong momentum in the corporate sector, demand is strong in the other regions and we expect the US to join in next year. This will provide interface suppliers with a much needed revenue stream for some of their legacy product lines which are used in computer systems.” said Susie Inouye, Senior Industry Analyst at Databeans, Inc.

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