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## Press release

### **Colibrys and Avnet Electronics Marketing sign franchise agreement for North America.**

**Neuchâtel, Switzerland and Phoenix, Arizona, 25 September, 2008, Colibrys and the Avnet Electronics Marketing business region of Avnet, Inc. (NYSE: AVT), today announced Avnet will distribute Colibrys' full line of motion sensors in North America.**

This agreement teams Avnet Electronics Marketing Americas, a recognized industry expert in distribution, with Colibrys to expand Colibrys' visibility and coverage in the Americas. North America represents a large market for harsh environment (energy, military and aerospace) and safety-critical (industrial and instrumentation) motion sensors, and Colibrys has been looking for the right distribution partner to complete its regional presence. Colibrys' standard MS7000, MS8000 and recently announced MS9000 and VS9000 products will be available immediately through Avnet Electronics Marketing.

"Colibrys has already established a strong customer base in North America for its leading-edge inertial accelerometers and vibration and seismic sensors. This new collaboration with Avnet allows Colibrys to accelerate access to major customers across various markets and to offer greater application-specific support across all of North America. We look forward to building a very successful working relationship with Avnet over the coming years," said Domenico Fumagalli, director Worldwide Distribution Network at Colibrys.

"Colibrys products are a great complement to our current motion sensor product portfolio. Their products are suitable for applications in high-end market segments including the military, aerospace, industrial and instrumentation markets," said Bryan Brady, vice president, director Defense Aerospace Business Unit for Avnet Electronics Marketing Americas. "We will now be able to offer our customers an extended range of measurement for multiple types of sensing in extremely harsh environments."

#### **About Colibrys**

Colibrys is a world-leading supplier of standard and semi-custom MEMS based motion sensors to the harsh-environments (Military, Aerospace and Energy) and safety critical (Industrial and Instrumentation) applications. Colibrys family of motion sensors includes extremely low noise, shock resistant seismic sensors, high stability high shock inertial accelerometers and DC coupled capacitive vibration sensors. Colibrys has two operations based; one in Houston, TX, USA and one in Neuchâtel, Switzerland. Website: [www.colibrys.com](http://www.colibrys.com).

#### **About AVNET Electronics Marketing**

Avnet Electronics Marketing is an operating group of Phoenix-based Avnet, Inc. that serves electronic original equipment manufacturers (EOEMs) and electronic manufacturing services (EMS) providers in more than 70 countries, distributing electronic components from leading manufacturers and providing associated design-chain and supply-chain services. The group's Web site is located at [www.em.avnet.com](http://www.em.avnet.com). Avnet, Inc. (NYSE:AVT), a *Fortune* 500 company, is one of the largest distributors of electronic components, computer products and embedded technology in the world. Avnet accelerates its partners' success by connecting the world's leading technology suppliers with a broad base of more than 100,000 customers and providing cost-effective, value-added services and solutions. For the fiscal year ended June 28, 2008, Avnet generated revenue of \$17.95 billion. For more information, visit [www.avnet.com](http://www.avnet.com).



### **About MEMS Technology**

MEMS (Micro-Electrical-Mechanical Systems) are highly miniaturized devices that can realize a number of physical sensing functions including fluidics, optics and mechanics on a silicon chip using techniques similar to traditional integrated circuit process technology. MST (Microsystems) merge these sensing and or actuating functions combining them with electronic signal process chips to create highly miniaturized systems that enable enhanced levels of perception, control and performance.

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