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SCM Microsystems Announces WorldCAM™ Digital TV Security Platform for OpenCable™ and DVB Markets

Multi-Standard 4th Generation Conditional Access Platform Leverages Worldwide Volumes to Benefit Conditional Access and Content Providers

LOS GATOS, Calif., November 29, 2000 – SCM Microsystems, Inc., (Nasdaq: SCMM, Neuer Markt: SMY), a leading provider of solutions that open the Digital World, announced today the availability of its 4th generation conditional access platform, "WorldCAM," targeted at both US and international markets. WorldCAM, which is a removable security module for digital TV receivers and integrated digital televisions, is the world's only multi-standard conditional access platform, supporting both US OpenCable Point of Deployment (POD) and Digital Video Broadcasting-Common Interface (DVB-CI) standards. SCM is demonstrating its WorldCAM platform at the Western Cable Show, Booth #3611, Convention Center, Los Angeles – November 29 through December 1, 2000.

Around the world, removable conditional access is beginning to replace security embedded in set top boxes as a means to descramble the signal encrypted by the television content provider. The use of removable, rather than embedded conditional access allows consumers to purchase compatible digital TVs or receivers, which can be used with multiple conditional access systems. This provides consumers with a greatly expanded array of choices in receivers, from set top boxes to entertainment boxes to integrated digital TVs, each enabling a wealth of enhanced features, such as DVD, Audio jukeboxing, 3D games and Internet browsing.

"The WorldCAM platform benefits from SCM's years of market-leading experience in the development of removable conditional access platforms," said Luc Vantalón, vice president of Architecture and Business Development at SCM Microsystems. "Combining new innovations with our patented technology, we have developed an ideal multi-standard platform for conditional access system providers worldwide, enabling them to leverage their investment across multiple markets. In addition, US cable operators will also benefit from a security solution that leverages volumes already present in Europe, lowering the overall cost of deployment."

"SCM Microsystems is an acknowledged leader in conditional access security solutions," said Jean-Marc Racine, chief executive officer of Canal+ US Technologies. "Canal+ Technologies and SCM have long worked together in Europe, and we are looking forward to leveraging this relationship for the US market. With its support for both US and international standards, SCM can truly offer us this global reach."

"As a leading provider of digital conditional access worldwide, NDS is extremely supportive of companies like SCM who are working very hard to create a needed standardization for conditional access," said Carmi Bogot, vice president of business development for NDS. "Our ongoing relationship with SCM has always been greatly beneficial for us and we are specifically excited about the WorldCAM module because it is an important component in our system that allows us to work with POD-based receivers."

"We see SCM's WorldCAM platform as a flexible component that allows digital television content owners to safely deliver their valuable programming over traditional pay television outlets and broadcast-quality broadband connections," said G.L. Wright, senior vice president and General

Manager of Irdeto Access USA. "With WorldCAM, we can open the door to many value-added services that can create new revenue streams for cable operators."

Technical Information

Supporting all international standards for removable digital TV security devices, SCM's WorldCAM's single-chip solution houses multiple descrambling and filtering engines to give authorized viewers access to protected digital TV content. Conditional access system providers can securely port their conditional access system to the WorldCAM platform much as they do a standard set top box. Once customized with a specific conditional access application, the WorldCAM permanently becomes a dedicated conditional access module tied directly to a specific broadcast network. The platform also supports copy protection, a mechanism for protecting the modules valuable digital TV output over removable security interfaces such as the OpenCable POD interface. The platform will be available both with and without a smart card interface for renewable entitlement management.

For further information or to arrange a demonstration, please contact Andy Oliver at andyo@lewispr.com

About SCM Microsystems

SCM Microsystems is a leading supplier of solutions that open the Digital World by enabling people to conveniently access secure digital content and services. The company operates in four primary markets -- Digital TV, Broadband Access, PC Security and Digital Media Transfer. SCM's advanced silicon solutions, hardware and software enable secure exchange of electronic information for applications such as e-commerce and broadband content delivery by providing controlled access points to platforms such as PCs, digital cameras, and digital television set-top boxes. Global headquarters are in Los Gatos, Calif., with European headquarters in Pfaffenhofen, Germany. For additional information, visit the SCM Microsystems Web site at www.scmmicro.com.

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