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ICS's 8055 Named 'MOST PRACTICAL PIECE OF TEST EQUIPMENT'
By EN-Genius Network

PLEASANTON, CA, April 20, 2009. Today ICS Electronics announced that their Model 8055 Ethernet to GPIB Instrument Interface has been named the "Most Practical Piece of Test Equipment' for 2008 by the EN-Genius Network. The EN-Genius Network honored the ICS's Model 8055 by naming it in their Product-of-the-Year Awards list for 2008.

Their 8055 award states: "GPIB has been around since 1975, and although it's been supplanted in many test racks by the likes of USB and LXI, there are still a lot of GPIB instruments kicking around. This clever product extends the life of legacy equipment, additionally opening doors for true Internet-enabled remote control."

ICS's Model 8055 is an Ethernet to GPIB Instrument Interface that adapts GPIB instruments to Ethernet-based test systems. This new interface provides access to GPIB instruments from any computer with a NIC interface or over company's TCP/IP network. Typical uses are adapting expensive GPIB instruments to operate in LXI or Ethernet-based test systems or sharing GPIB instruments among several users on a company network.

The Model 8055 is different from existing Ethernet to GPIB Gateways that are used to control GPIB instruments over a company network. These existing GPIB Gateways are remote GPIB Controllers, handle multiple instruments and are 'gpib0' VISA resources. The 8055 is designed to convert a single GPIB instru-

ment into an Ethernet-based, VXI-11.3 compatible instrument and is an 'inst' VISA resource. The 8055 is an external box or the board version can be mounted inside an instrument and give the end user the option of controlling the instrument from the GPIB bus or from the Ethernet port.

The 8055 prices start at $ 355.00 each and include the Instruction Manual and a Support CD with example software and utility programs.

The EN-Genius Network was founded in 2001 under the banner of analogZONE, the expanded site that is EN-Genius Network is the premier source for electronic design engineers working in the fields of power management, audio/video, acquisition, connectivity, networking, wireless applications, DSP, programmable logic, and green engineering. sub-ZONEs covering these specific areas enable the designer to focus directly on products of interest, with timely and insightful reviews. News headlines and a calendar of events keep readers current, knowledgeable and informed, while companion ZONEs providing detailed technical notes and guest columns -- along with the usual trenchant commentary by our editors -- offer a wealth of information in an independent arena free from the limited detail permitted in print publications.

ICS Electronics is a pioneer and leader in the design and development of IEEE 488/GPIB, Serial, Ethernet and VXI bus products. The ICS has been supplying GPIB interfaces for over 30 years and the 8055 is the latest interface in their Ethernet products.

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