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eSilicon Licenses USB 2.0 Transceiver Technology from Innovative Semiconductors

Sunnyvale, Calif. – September 16, 2002 -- Innovative Semiconductors, Inc. (Innovative) and eSilicon Corporation (eSilicon) today announced that eSilicon has licensed Innovative's USB 2.0 mixed-signal transceiver technology. The SL200 USB 2.0 Transceiver Macrocell from Innovative will be integrated into eSilicon's design and manufacturing flow giving eSilicon's customers a cost-effective way to integrate USB 2.0 function into their products.

Analog and mixed-signal content in System On Chip (SoC) designs is quickly rising. It is expected that the majority of IC designs will have mixed-signal content in few years. To address that market, Innovative has developed several mixed-signal blocks including USB, IEEE-1394 PHY, Phase Lock Loop (PLL), Clock and Data Recovery (CDR). Its library of Analog Macrocells includes DAC, Voltage Converters, and Band Gap Reference voltage among others. All of the Macrocells have been verified in silicon.

The SL200 has been proven in silicon and certified for USB 2.0 Compliance. It has been ported to several process technologies including Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) .18-micron, TSMC .25-micron and 0.18 micron at another leading manufacturer. Innovative has achieved several high profile design wins for its Serial Interface Technology such as Infineon Technology, Jet Propulsion Labs, Oki Semiconductor and Samsung among others.

"Our customer has evaluated the USB silicon proven transceiver technology available from a small number of vendors and decided that Innovative provided the right solution," said Jim Ensell chief information officer & general manager, at eSilicon. "This was a compelling reason for us to integrate the Innovative technology into our flow."

"As the industry consolidates, Innovative is emerging as a leader in the mixed-signal Interface technology," said Nabil Takla, President of Innovative. "eSilicon's choice of the Innovative mixed-signal technology is a further endorsement of our USB 2.0 solution by

a company that is leading a new trend in the outsourced fabless ASIC market and their leading edge customers."

Innovative other USB products include USB 2.0 Host and OTG transceivers, USB 2.0 full device controller and several USB 1.1 products.

About eSilicon Corporation:

eSilicon Corporation is a full-service provider of application specific integrated circuits (ASICs) to the world's leading electronics companies. Founded in 1999, the company's unique approach manages every step of the IC development process – from specification through manufacturing and delivery of packaged and tested parts. eSilicon offers value-added design and manufacturing expertise, with an ebusiness infrastructure that provides significant visibility, predictability and time-to-market advantages. Headquartered in Santa Clara, CA with offices in Allentown, PA, and Murray Hill, NJ, eSilicon has approximately 70 employees. For more information about eSilicon, visit www.eSilicon.com.

About Innovative Semiconductors, Inc.:

Innovative's Mixed-Signal products have gained acceptance among some of the world leaders in the Consumer and the Computer markets. Innovative's Licensees include 3dfx, Agilent, Conexant, Creative Technologies, Evans & Sutherland, Honeywell, IBM, Infineon, JPL, LSI logic, Micrel, Mitel, NVIDIA, OKI, S3, Samsung, Siemens, SGS Microelectronics, Trident and TVIA. Innovative's technology has been designed in a variety of applications ranging from PCs, PC peripherals, Internet appliances, set top boxes to satellites. Founded in 1992, Innovative Semiconductors, Inc. The company is a member of the USB-IF, TSMC IP Alliance Program and UMC IP Program. For more information about Innovative, visit www.isi96.com.

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