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Affiliate Membership to Help Bring Smart, Control Networks to New Lighting Technologies

SAN JOSE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Echelon Corporation (NASDAQ:ELON) announced today that it has become an affiliate member of the California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC). As an affiliate member, Echelon is working with research and education leaders at the University of California, Davis and other academic institutions, leading manufacturers of lighting products, and state and national agencies to bring highly energy efficient lighting systems equipped with smart control networking technology to market. Initial work with CLTC involves member companies Beta-LED™, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PGE), Southern California Edison (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDGE) to develop and demonstrate a network-enabled smart LED streetlight system.

"Control networking will play an increasingly significant role in lighting products," said Michael Siminovitch, CLTC's Director. "We're pleased that Echelon has joined CLTC to help bring the benefits of control networks to new lighting technologies and look forward to showing the results of our relationship."

The affiliate program at CLTC connects education, research, and industry to share information regarding energy efficient lighting products and practices. Innovative technology developments and partnerships created through this program aim to increase the availability and quality of energy efficient lighting products on the market.

"The partnering of public and private entities is vitally important to bring new products to market that can help solve the pressing energy issues we face," said Anders Axelsson, Echelon's senior vice-president of sales and marketing. "Together with the CLTC and its members, we're working to show influential agencies and policy makers the dramatic role that control networking and recent advancements in lighting technology can play in reducing our country's energy consumption."

Echelon's power line signaling technology and i.LON® SmartServer streetlight segment controller are currently used in streetlight systems in Oslo, Norway; Ville de Quebec, Canada; numerous cities in France and Germany; and demonstration sites in Anchorage, Alaska, and San Francisco and San Jose, California. More information is available at www.echelon.com/solutions/streetlight.

About California Lighting Technology Center

The California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC), at UC Davis, is a research and education facility that focuses on the application of energy-efficient lighting and daylighting technologies through research, development, demonstration, outreach and education in partnership with utilities, manufacturers, end users, builders, designers, and governmental agencies. CLTC was established through a collaborative effort of the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program and the University of California, Davis, with support