

SigmaTel Announces the STAC9200 2-Channel High Definition Audio Codec

AUSTIN, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 3, 2005--SigmaTel, Inc. (NASDAQ:SGTL), the leading supplier of PC Audio Codecs for notebook computers, today introduced the STAC9200 2-channel Codec for PC applications. The STAC9200 implements the new Intel(R) (NASDAQ:INTC) High Definition Audio (HD Audio) specification which enables a new class of audio performance for the PC.

Targeted primarily for notebook and corporate desktop PCs, the STAC9200 sets the standard for high performance by providing true 24-bit audio and a 100dB SNR (Signal to Noise Ratio). The STAC9200 incorporates internal jack sense capabilities and SigmaTel's Universal Jacks(TM) technology to help eliminate connection mistakes. This is accomplished by the codec determining what device has been plugged into the audio connector and adjusting the internal configuration to match. Integrated headphone amplifiers and microphone pre-amp circuits result in lower implementation costs for the PC manufacturer.

This performance level of the STAC9200 rivals the audio fidelity of consumer electronics and is targeted to support the Dolby (R) Sound Room(TM) specifications of the Dolby Laboratories PC Entertainment Experience program. PCs that carry the Dolby (R) Sound Room(TM) logo will provide Dolby(R) Headphone(TM), Dolby(R) Pro Logic(R) II, and Dolby(R) Virtual Speaker(TM) capabilities.

The STAC9200 is supported with SigmaTel's advanced software capabilities including drivers for the Windows Operating System, Intel's EM64T extensions, and advanced signal processing plug-ins. A wide range of software plug-ins are available from SigmaTel and third party partners providing features such as bass response enhancement, spatial enhancement, and low latency filtering.

"The STAC9200 sets the performance standard for audio in notebook PC applications," states Phil Pompa, SigmaTel's vice president of Integrated Components Group. "The high fidelity and innovative features, coupled with the advanced software and high degree of customer support, make the STAC9200 an obvious choice for high quality notebook applications."

"High Definition Audio is designed to provide dramatic improvements to PC audio quality. With its new STAC9200 SigmaTel adds an important building block to enjoy HD audio on mobile computers," says Sunil Kumar, Director of Chipset and Software Marketing for Intel. "Chip-level support from SigmaTel will help enable the wider consumer adoption of the HD Audio specification."

The STAC9200 is available in 3.3V and 5.0V analog supply voltages and is available for sampling now with volume shipments expected in 1Q05. The STAC9200 is pin compatible with previous products in the SigmaTel PC audio codecs family and is available in 48-pin LQFP and 32-pad QFN package options. The STAC9200 is priced at \$0.95 for 10,000 unit quantities. Package options include environmentally friendly packages free of lead and other harmful compounds.

For more information on SigmaTel products, as well as development information and sales support, please visit www.sigmatel.com.

About SigmaTel:

SigmaTel, Inc., a fabless semiconductor company headquartered in Austin, Texas, designs, develops, and markets proprietary, analog intensive, mixed-signal ICs for a variety of products in the consumer electronics and computing markets, including portable compressed audio players, such as MP3 players, notebook and desktop PCs, DVD players, digital televisions and set-top boxes. We provide our customers complete, system-level solutions that include highly-integrated ICs, customizable firmware and software, software development tools, reference designs and applications support. Our focus on providing system-level solutions enables our customers to rapidly introduce and offer electronic products that are small, light-weight, power-efficient, reliable, and cost-effective. SigmaTel is ISO 9001:2000 certified and is committed to providing customers with high-performance, quality products along with superior customer service.

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