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## **CIMTEK® Collaborates with National Instruments for Xbox 360 Test Solution**

### **CIMTEK uses NI Modular Instrumentation in Xbox 360™ Global Test Strategy**

Burlington, Canada, June 6, 2006 – CIMTEK Ltd. announces National Instruments (Nasdaq: NATI) as a key collaborator in the development of the Xbox 360 test solution, enabling faster, more accurate and lower cost test for high volume production.

Microsoft selected CIMTEK as a test strategy design and development partner to devise a global solution to test the new Xbox 360 video game and entertainment system from Microsoft. CIMTEK worked with National Instruments to meet critical time to market demands while keeping quality high and costs low. CIMTEK's experience in developing complex test solutions for global customers combined with National Instruments PC-based modular instrument and data acquisition technology was essential in the success of Xbox 360 global test strategy.

Leslie Leland, Director of Platform Evaluation from Microsoft says "The Xbox 360 launch was one of the most complex global launches ever undertaken for a consumer electronics product. The CIMTEK team together with National Instruments enabled us to deliver just in time test solutions for our factory."

The system included the NI PCI-5112 and NI PCI-5122 100 MHz digitizers, two NI modular instruments designed to acquire and process large waveforms, resulting in an improved transfer rate. Both enable faster measurements and decrease overall test time. In addition, NI PCI data acquisition products quadrupled test resolution and increased sampling speed, resulting in overall improved test accuracy.

"We rely on our key partnerships to ensure our global clients meet their critical time to market windows," says Stan Smith from CIMTEK. "During the development of the complex test solution for the Xbox 360, we chose to work with National Instruments because of their long history in providing advanced cost-effective test and measurement technology."

"National Instruments is pleased to work with NI Alliance Partner Program members such as CIMTEK to deliver leading-edge test solutions," said Eric Starkloff, NI director of product marketing for PXI, Modular Instruments and Instrument Control. "National Instruments modular hardware offers both performance and flexibility to help Microsoft meet its time-to-market demands."

Microsoft introduced its next-generation system, Xbox 360, in the 2005 holiday season in Europe, Japan and North America, and has launched the system in Colombia, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, Singapore and Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand in 2006.

CIMTEK's software and proven platforms often incorporate NI products in order to support the test strategies of global organizations.

### **About the test solution strategy for the Xbox 360**

CIMTEK utilized key test technologies together with their unique process of applied Professional Test Engineering in order to design systems for testability and to lower the cost of test services. CIMTEK recommended the creation of five (5) different test platforms with centralized control and reporting. These testers are being implemented throughout the manufacturing process in China where the Xbox is manufactured.

### **About National Instruments**

National Instruments ([www.ni.com](http://www.ni.com)) is a technology pioneer and leader in virtual instrumentation – a revolutionary concept that has changed the way engineers and scientists in industry, government and academia approach measurement and automation. Leveraging PCs and commercial technologies, virtual instrumentation increases productivity and lowers costs for test, control and design applications through easy-to-integrate software, such as NI LabVIEW, and modular measurement and control hardware for PXI, PCI, USB and Ethernet. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, NI has more than 3,500 employees and direct operations in nearly 40 countries. In 2004, the company sold products to more than 25,000 companies in 90 countries. For the past six years, FORTUNE magazine has named NI one of the 100 best companies to work for in America. Readers can obtain investment information from the company's investor relations department by calling (512) 683-5090, by sending an e-mail to [nati@ni.com](mailto:nati@ni.com) or by visiting [www.ni.com/nati](http://www.ni.com/nati).

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CIMTEK enables manufacturers to design in intelligent test into the product launch process and ensure OEM's improve launch time enabling improved manufacturing yields, product performance, brand name support, and lower total cost of ownership. Built on a proven track record of design and test implementations, CIMTEK has over 6500 systems installed.

CIMTEK works with partners worldwide to provide embedded engineering, standard test platforms and applications with our closed loop test strategies.

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