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Mouser Electronics Now Stocking Microchip Technology's PIC32 Family of 32-bit Microcontrollers (MCUs)

MCU Family Adds More Performance and Memory; Reduces Total Design Complexity and Cost

Mansfield, Texas, USA – July 30, 2008 – <u>Mouser Electronics, Inc.</u>, known for its rapid availability and introduction of the newest products, today announced it is stocking the <u>PIC32</u> family of 32-bit microcontrollers (MCUs) from <u>Microchip Technology</u>, a leading supplier of microcontroller and analog semiconductors.

"Our engineering customers require both rapid introduction of the newest products and technologies, as well as a broad selection of products and suppliers in order to select the best solution for their design projects," said Mike Scott, Mouser's Vice President of Active Products. "By stocking Microchip's PIC32 MCUs, and through our innovative marketing programs, we are able to quickly introduce these new devices to our extensive engineering customer base."

The PIC32 family adds more performance and memory, while maintaining pin, peripheral, and software compatibility with Microchip's 16-bit PIC® MCUs and dsPIC® Digital Signal Controllers (DSCs). To further ease migration and protect tool investments, the PIC32 family is fully supported by Microchip's free MPLAB® Integrated Development Environment (IDE). The MPLAB IDE offers unprecedented compatibility by supporting Microchip's complete portfolio of 8-, 16- and 32-bit devices.

The PIC32 family consists of ten general-purpose devices that operate at up to 80 MHz, and offer ample code- and data-space capabilities, with up to 512 KB Flash and 32 KB RAM. The family also includes a rich set of integrated peripherals, significantly reducing total design complexity and cost.

The devices are based on the MIPS32® architecture with its leading combination of high-performance, low power consumption, fast interrupt response, and extensive industry tool support. The high-performance MIPS32 M4K® core can achieve best-in-class 1.5 DMIPS/MHz operation, due to its efficient instruction-set architecture, 5-stage pipeline, hardware multiply/accumulate unit, and multiple

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sets of 32 core registers. To reduce systems costs, the PIC32 MCUs support the MIPS16e[™] 16-bit ISA, enabling code-size reductions of up to 40%.

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