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OMNIVISION IS FIRST TO VOLUME WITH 1.3 MEGAPIXEL CAMERA CHIP FOR MOBILE PHONES

Sunnyvale, Calif. – Feb. 23, 2004 – OmniVision Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: OVTI), a leading independent supplier of CameraChip™ solutions for high-volume imaging applications, today announced that it has become the first in the industry to begin shipping production volumes of 1.3-megapixel small form factor CMOS image sensors for cameraphones. OmniVision is ramping production of the OV9640 CameraChip, an advanced CMOS image sensor that provides 1.3-megapixel resolution in a small-footprint, ¼-inch design. It gives cameraphones the ability to capture digital photographs of keepsake quality and offers the best feature set in its class—highest resolution, lowest power consumption, broad dynamic range, high reliability, small size and top price/performance.

“The volume shipment of the OV9640 builds upon our proven record of being the first in the industry to deliver production volumes of the latest technology products,” said Kimble Dong, OmniVision’s vice president of Operations and Systems. “The OV9640 is a plug-compatible ¼-inch imaging system that provides cameraphone makers with a higher standard of performance for new designs, as well as an easy way to upgrade prior-generation CIF, VGA and 1.0-megapixel handsets. It has already achieved more than 30 design wins with 10 different manufacturers of cameraphones.”

The OV9640 CameraChip is the ideal imaging solution for mainstream mobile phones. It incorporates a 1304- by 968-pixel array in a ¼-inch chip that operates at 15 frames per second in full resolution and at up to 120 frames per second in QCIF resolution. The OV9640 is a complete system-on-a-chip with full image processing, including exposure control, gamma correction, gain control, white balance, sharpness control, color saturation control, hue control, and windowing—all easily programmable through a standard serial interface. For images that are consistently clear and sharp, it features OmniVision’s proprietary embedded algorithms, which eliminate digital effects such as smearing, fixed-pattern noise and blooming, along with VarioPixel™ technology, which provides superior performance in low-light conditions and in videophone applications. The OV9640 requires only 50 milliwatts of power in active mode and 30 microwatts of power in standby mode and outputs image data in all standard formats—YUV, RGB, and 10-bit raw data. It can seamlessly replace most current VGA solutions by integrating into an image module that is only 8 millimeters wide, 8 millimeters long and 6.8 millimeters high.

About OmniVision

OmniVision Technologies designs, develops and markets high performance, highly integrated and cost efficient semiconductor image sensors. OmniVision’s main product, an image sensing device called the CameraChip, is used to capture images in mass-market consumer and commercial applications such as mobile phones, digital still cameras, and video game systems. OmniVision is a fabless semiconductor company that works with manufacturing

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partners to produce CameraChips using a standard, low-cost, complementary-metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) fabrication process. The company sells products directly to original-equipment manufacturers and manufacturing subcontractors, as well as indirectly through distributors. OmniVision believes that the CameraChip is one of the most highly integrated single-chip CMOS image sensor solutions available and that it enables manufacturers to build camera products that are smaller, less complex, more reliable, lower cost and more power efficient than cameras using either traditional CCDs or multiple-chip CMOS image sensors. OmniVision's CameraChips are used in a wide variety of applications, including mobile phones, digital still cameras, video cameras, interactive video games, toys, security and surveillance systems, personal computer cameras, personal digital assistants and automotive imaging systems. OmniVision Technologies is headquartered at 1341 Orleans Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. Additional information is available at www.ovt.com.

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