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### News Release

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### ***SYSTIMAX® Solutions Expands InstaPATCH™ System***

#### ***Capabilities***

#### ***Double the Density for Data Centers***

Richardson, Texas, Tuesday August 17th, 2004 - SYSTIMAX Solutions™, a global market leader in the design and manufacture of structured connectivity solutions, has today announced the addition of a new 24 LC Data Module, a new MPO (Multi-fiber Push On) Module, and a new Trunk Cable design to their SYSTIMAX InstaPATCH™ System. These new system components, which are factory terminated and tested, further enhance this high-density modular fiber connectivity solution that allows installers to connect system components together simply and quickly.

These enhancements are particularly important for organizations whose data centers have space constraints for the patch panels needed to interconnect fiber cables with computers and communications equipment. The new system components can reduce on-site installation costs significantly and provide data centers with more space saving options designed to improve installation time by over 90%.

SYSTIMAX Labs designed the InstaPATCH System to incorporate the industry-leading SYSTIMAX LazrSPEED® multimode fiber technology that provides 10 Gb/s throughput over a single multimode fiber for enterprise applications without the need for expensive singlemode electronics. In October 2003, SYSTIMAX Solutions introduced the InstaPATCH System as the first modular fiber connectivity solution to be both factory terminated and tested while offering high density.

SYSTIMAX Labs has now expanded the capabilities of the InstaPATCH System by introducing three new system components:

- New 24 LC Data Module – provides users with 24 LC connections in the same space as the 12 LC Data module thus doubling the density achieved in the modular system. Users can now have the freedom and flexibility of interchangeable modules combined with the density of 72 LC connections in 1U of rack space.
- New MPO Module – provides users with two MPO connections in a modular format for use in Parallel Transmission Applications such as 10G Fiber Channel,

30G InfiniBand, and 40G SONET/SDH. Users can now easily transition from Serial Applications to Parallel Applications by switching system modules.

- New Trunk Cable Design – provides users with higher fiber count cables equipped with MPO connectors that are easier to pull and deliver faster installation times. The new cable design is available in 24, 48 and 72 fiber configurations.

“Information Technology (IT) directors have always been faced with the issue of increasing the speed of applications in less space and with less costs involved,” says James Donovan, director, global solutions management. “The new InstaPATCH range allows a greater number of applications to be run simultaneously, with less space required for the cabling infrastructure while reducing the installation time and cost.”

Donovan continued, “as cabling providers, we also have to be futurists in order to provide our clients with products that will adapt to future advances in technology. The new InstaPATCH range, like all of our product offerings, fulfills this criteria.”

The InstaPATCH product range is available globally through SYSTIMAX Solutions’ network of BusinessPartners.

#### **EDITOR’S NOTES:**

##### **About SYSTIMAX Solutions**

SYSTIMAX Solutions, a CommScope Company, provides integrated end-to-end connectivity solutions for voice, data, video and building management applications in enterprise networks. SYSTIMAX Solutions is a worldwide leader in structured cabling systems, with a product portfolio that includes some of the industry’s highest performing copper and fiber solutions.

SYSTIMAX Solutions supplies its high performance and market-leading range of products through a network of highly skilled BusinessPartners. The product range includes the copper based GigaSPEED® XL Solution, the fiber-optic LazrSPEED® and TeraSPEED™ Solutions and the intelligent patching iPatch™ System. The SYSTIMAX Labs and the people who have spearheaded these innovations will continue to play an integral role in the future success of SYSTIMAX Solutions. Currently the company’s BusinessPartners install an average of over 1,000 miles (1,600km) of SYSTIMAX cable every day in 120 countries worldwide.

For further information please visit <http://www.systemax.com>.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

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