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**CIRCATEX LICENCES NORTEL NETWORKS CHANNEL ROUTING TECHNOLOGY**

Circatex today announced that it is the first European based PCB (Printed Circuit Board) manufacturer to be licensed under Nortel's "Channel Routing" Technology Licensing Program to manufacture and market printed circuit boards utilizing PCB Channel Routing technology from Nortel\*. Channel Routing enables Circatex to offer its customers world-wide a method for routing very high pin count Ball Grid Arrays (BGAs) in a reduced number of PCB layers whilst maintaining the highest level of signal integrity.

Steve Jones, Chairman of Circatex said - "The addition of this advanced technology to our portfolio will allow Circatex to maintain its technology leadership in the high end European marketplace. We constantly strive to develop and gain key enablers that will enhance the service and technology offering that we can give to our customers, Channel Routing is one such important innovation."

Neil Chilton - Technical Sales Director - said "The challenge to provide leading edge PCB solutions whilst maintaining our competitive position will be further enhanced by the licensing of Nortel's Channel Routing Technology. Channel Routing Technology will allow our customers to route the very highest density array packages using a combination of microvia and through hole interconnects and potentially reduce layer count by two to six layers. This technology, originally developed for Nortel's designers, is expected to become widely used by other OEMs and PCB designers. Europe's strength in electronics and PCB design is well known and we believe that by licensing this technology, Circatex can offer the design community a core technical advantage."

About Circatex: Circatex is a leading manufacturer of time-critical high technology printed circuit boards. It provides leading edge products for the data communications and telecoms industry, the automotive sector, military, security, avionics and industrial control markets.

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