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**AEROFLEX COLORADO SPRINGS ANNOUNCES SPACEWIRE  
TEST DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH 4LINKS LIMITED**

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – Aeroflex Colorado Springs, (NASDAQ:ARXX), announced at the RADECS Conference (Radiation and its Effects on Components and Systems), a test equipment distribution agreement with 4Links Limited, Milton Keynes, England. The agreement will allow Aeroflex to provide 4Links SpaceWire test equipment and support to its North American customers.

“Aeroflex recently entered the SpaceWire market with the announcement of the UT200SpW02 SpaceWire Protocol Handler and UT200SpWPHY01 SpaceWire Physical Layer Transceiver products,” said Anthony Jordan, director-standard products. “The next phase of the Aeroflex SpaceWire product solution was to offer test equipment from a reputable vendor. We are pleased to be working with 4Links to provide our North American customers test equipment for quickly detecting anomalies and validating SpaceWire in their systems.”

SpaceWire is a standard governing serial communication between satellite components. The protocol is self-managing and provides a high speed, low power serial interface while offering a simple user interface. The standard supports data rates of 2Mbits/sec to 400Mbits/sec over 10 meters of cable. Originally developed by the European Space Community (document ECSS-E-50-12A), SpaceWire marries IEEE-1355 with an LVDS physical layer.

A growing number of North American aerospace companies and government agencies saw the benefits of the SpaceWire standard used in numerous European satellites and are designing in the SpaceWire standard for future missions. However, SpaceWire test equipment manufacturers are located primarily outside North America.

“Aeroflex wanted to provide the customer a SpaceWire solution – products and test equipment,” continued Jordan. “4Links is a world leader in this field; the choice to distribute their test equipment was obvious.”

Aeroflex Colorado Springs application engineers have been trained on 4Links test equipment (the RF201 and RG408) and this equipment can be purchased directly from Aeroflex.

The Aeroflex the UT200SpW02 SpaceWire Protocol Handler and UT200SpWPHY01 SpaceWire Physical Layer Transceiver products will be in production in 2Q06 with prototypes in 1Q06. The 4Links RF201 and RG408 are available now through Aeroflex Colorado Springs.

“4Links is very pleased to be working with Aeroflex Colorado Springs on SpaceWire,” said Paul Walker, CEO. “As a key contributor to the precursor technology used on the SOHO mission and as the original proposer of the standard that has evolved, with contributions from many other people, into SpaceWire, I’m delighted with the extent of the adoption of SpaceWire in North America.”

Future Aeroflex SpaceWire a SpaceWire Multi-Port Router and the addition of a PCI bus to our Protocol Handler.

Aeroflex Colorado Springs is a supplier of semicustom and standard VLSI circuits and custom circuit card assemblies. Aeroflex has received Qualified Manufacturer List (QML) certification for Class Q, Class T and Class V. Additionally, Aeroflex is compliant to AS9100-2000 with AS9100 2004, Rev B.

For a copy of the SpaceWire Marketing Kit, call 1-800-645-8862, write Aeroflex Colorado Springs, 4350 Centennial Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907, or visit our home page at [www.4Links.co.uk/SpaceWire](http://www.4Links.co.uk/SpaceWire).

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### **About 4Links**

4Links is product leader with our SpaceWire PCI and SpaceWire cPCI boards, used in ground support equipment in the space industry. We were first to market with a routing switch that implemented the SpaceWire standard. For the high reliability requirements of space, our network monitoring and management system for SpaceWire provides unprecedented ease of configuring redundancy. Please visit our website at [www.4Links.co.uk](http://www.4Links.co.uk).

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