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CONNECT Announces Finalists
For 22nd Annual Most Innovative New Product Awards

*San Diego-Developed Technology and Life Science Products
Selected for Excellence in Innovation*

SAN DIEGO - CONNECT, regarded as the world's most successful regional program linking inventors and entrepreneurs with the resources they need for success, today announced the finalists for the 2009 Most Innovative New Product (MIP) Awards. Winners will be announced on December 11th at the MIP Awards Luncheon, held at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, to an audience of over 800 of San Diego's top executives, entrepreneurs, service providers and academics.

The CONNECT MIP Awards, San Diego's "Oscars" for regional innovation, continue to showcase locally-developed, cutting-edge products covering a wide range of industries. From life saving medical technologies to the hottest new action sport equipment, the MIP Awards continue to be an indicator of the industries and technologies that drive San Diego's high tech economy.

"Even in the toughest of economic times, this year's finalists exhibit the entrepreneurial spirit that has established San Diego as a leader in high technology innovation," said Duane Roth, chief executive officer of CONNECT. "It's the perseverance of the finalists and all of the MIP nominees that will continue to drive our innovation economy forward."

The MIP Award finalists were selected from approximately 100 entries representing a broad range of companies within eight categories. Finalists were selected by industry experts and business leaders through a rigorous screening process. The 2009 MIP Award finalists are:

Action and Sport Technologies

Impact Sports Technologies for ePulse
Neptunic Technologies for Neptech Protective Material
TaylorMade Golf Company for R9 driver

Aerospace and Security Technologies

Ebert Composites Corporation for Thermoplastic Composite Armor Processing
Intevac Photonics, Inc. for Night Port
Pixon Imaging for PX40
Space Micro for Thermal Protection Coating "TPC"

Clean Technology

On-Ramp Wireless for Ultra-Link Processing Wireless Communication System
ecoATM (formerly reMobile) for ecoATM
Ultraviolet Sciences for UVS Ultraviolet Water Purification Systems

Communications and IT

Mushroom Networks for Fusion Internet
Nextivity for Cel-Fi
Nirvanix for Nirvanix CloudNAS

Hardware and General Technology

Cymer for XLR 600ix
FreightScan for FS100
Rapid Bridge for LiquidCell Library

Life Science - Diagnostics and Research Tools

Naviscan for Stereo Navigator Breast Biopsy Accessory
ResMed for ResMed ApneaLink Plus
Ridge Diagnostics for MDDScore

Life Science - Medical Products

Dhart Development for NailSkins Elastomeric Bandages
Novalar Pharmaceuticals for OraVerse
SynergEyes for ClearKone

Software

Anakam for Anakam.TFA[®] Two-Factor Authentication Platform
DialPlus for DialPlus
V-Enable for LocalAdXchange
Verance Corporation for Cinavia

For more information about CONNECT's MIP Awards and to register to attend, please visit: <http://www.connect.org/programs/most-innovative-products-award/join/>.

About CONNECT

CONNECT is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining the growth of innovative technology and life science businesses in San Diego. Since 1985, CONNECT has assisted in the formation and development of over 2,000 companies and is widely regarded as the world's most successful regional program linking inventors and entrepreneurs with the resources they need for success. CONNECT focuses on research institution support, business creation and development, entrepreneurial learning, access to capital, public policy advocacy, awards, recognition and networking. More than 25 countries and regions have adopted the CONNECT model, including the U.K, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Australia, and China.

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