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Microcross GNU X-Tools will Support Cortus APS Architecture

Atlanta, GA -- 7 March 2006 -- Microcross today announced support for the Cortus APS architecture, an ultra-low power, very small, high-performance 16/32-bit family of cores targeting the 8/16-bit upgrade market. The APS tool suite includes support for the APS2 processor for high-speed 32-bit performance-focused applications, and the APS3 processor, a 16/32-bit variant for code density sensitive applications.

Microcross provides GNU X-Tools™ with Visual X-Tools™ IDE for patching, building, and testing binaries in the APS. The Microcross shrink-wrapped professional embedded development environment provides a complete code editing, build, and debugging environment for embedded engineers.

Cost per seat for both the GNU X-Tools™ and Visual X-Tools™ IDE toolsuite is \$1,500 and includes technical setup support. Optional yearly engineer-to-engineer support and maintenance contracts begin at \$1,000 for the first year and include the GNU X-Tools™ Training Guide. Support and maintenance include free upgrades and telephone and email interface support with Microcross engineers. The GNU X-Tools™ Training Guide covers embedded development from 'hello world' to building linker scripts, startup files, and special board-support libraries -- the most comprehensive training material of its type for embedded GNU developers.

About Microcross, Inc.

Microcross is a global provider of GNU X-Tools™ and solutions, training and support services. GNU X-Tools™, Microcross' flagship product, is a reliable, low-cost embedded developer solution supporting over 15 of the most popular embedded 16, 32 and 64-bit embedded microprocessors. GNU X-Tools™ and its companion, Visual X-Tools™ IDE, are becoming a standard for commercially supported embedded programming tools; no other solution offers the breadth and depth of microprocessor coverage. Microcross has the lowest prices for commercially supported GNU tools and solutions, providing customers best value, performance, and reliability for their money. For more information about Microcross, visit their website: <http://www.microcross.com> .

About Cortus, S.A.

Cortus S.A. is an innovator in high-performance, ultra-low-power 16/32-bit embedded-processor cores for digital consumer, security, networking, automotive and industrial applications. Cortus provides at no additional cost a base set of peripherals and a reference design running on a Xilinx Spartan3 development system. Cortus and its partners offer complete solutions for both

FPGA and ASIC designers. The company is based in Montpellier, France with offices in Silicon Valley, CA and can be reached at +33 4.67.13.01.90, (650) 465-3855 or <http://www.cortus.com>.

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