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Stealth Imaging Unveils H.264 Super-fast Laptop Video Processing Card at Apple Developer Conference

Card Will Handle Up to Two Simultaneous Real-time SD Streams and Cost 75% Less than Other Solutions

San Francisco, Calif., Monday, August 7, 2006 – Stealth Imaging, Inc., an innovator of high-quality, cost-effective digital media hardware and software, announced today it will unveil its Stealth™ Dual ExpressCard Encoder for laptop computers at the annual Apple World Wide Developer Conference. The new card enables content producers to use their laptops even more effectively as professional-quality editing workstations by enabling them to encode large amounts of standard-definition video in real time on the fly.

Available exclusively from Stealth Imaging, the encoder processes two streams of simultaneous standard-definition (SD) video in the H.264 video format, capturing three times as much data in the same "space" as an MPEG-2 recording. Available in Q3 (2006), the encoder will cost about 75% less than competing solutions. The external card fits into a laptop computer's ExpressCard slot.

Presentation of the new card will be made by Mark Wells, president of Stealth Imaging. The WWDC is being held at the Moscone Center West on August 7 through 11.

"We designed the encoder card for the new generation of non-broadcast digital video users who need highly portable video processing solutions at an affordable price," said Wells. "It's a perfect match for the legion of Apple independent film and video creatives, in addition to the growing market of police, government, casino and other users, who need high-quality video for surveillance and other security uses."

The Stealth encoder is built on the ITU-based H.264video compression standard, an offshoot of MPEG-4. It allows nearly three times as much video data to occupy the same "space" as an MPEG-2 recording, yet retain the same image quality. H.264 technology is expected to be widely used in television production, especially for high-definition video, and is being incorporated into the upcoming Sony Play Station 3 gaming unit and other advanced uses.

Based on Stealth's proprietary software and a custom-built H.264 ASIC chip, the Dual ExpressCard encoder incorporates refinements not found in any similar product: for example, a digital asset management (DAM) interface enabling the encoder to interface directly with any DAM systems supporting the MPEG-7 metadata format.

The encoding card works with any laptop that supports Firewire (IEEE 1394), S-Video or DVI interfaces. It merges seamlessly with QuickTime© Pro software and the QuickTime Software Library, allowing video to be encoded flawlessly in a QuickTime format. No special SDK is required or necessary to learn.

Power consumption is also low. The highly efficient Stealth encoder operates at less than 3W per channel: far lower than competing units.

When it comes to market in Q3 (2006) the Stealth card will be available at costs significantly less than competing units.

A high-definition version of the Stealth PCI-Express Quad H.264 Encoder Card will be introduced next April at NAB 2007 in Las Vegas.

About Stealth Imaging
Stealth Imaging is a designer and manufacturer of digital media hardware and software serve the needs of a broad market of users including law enforcement, state and local governments, the Federal government and Homeland Security, the gaming industry, and television and independent film production. For more information, call (703) 879-7008 or visit the Stealth Imaging website at *www.stealthimaging.com*.

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