



Sinclair Broadcast Group Selects Harmonic Digital Compression Systems; KOVR Sacramento is First Sinclair Station On-Air with DiviCom Encoders

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SUNNYVALE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 22, 2002--Harmonic Inc. (Nasdaq:HLIT) has been chosen by Sinclair Broadcast Group (Sinclair) to provide digital compression systems for Sinclair's group-owned and operated TV stations. The compression systems include DiviCom(R) encoders and provide each Sinclair station the flexibility to deliver both standard and high definition broadcast services. KOVR in Sacramento, one of more than 60 stations in the Sinclair group, is the first Sinclair station on-air with the Harmonic equipment.

A television broadcasting pioneer, Sinclair is committed to making digital television (DTV) a reality. Sinclair-owned and operated stations reach approximately 25% of homes in the U.S. By selecting Harmonic's open architecture encoding systems for its broadcast facilities, Sinclair can work with other industry-leading vendors that will provide both interoperability with third party systems and an affordable upgrade path for the future.

"Harmonic compression systems are known throughout the broadcast industry for their quality and flexibility," said Harvey Arnold, Director of Engineering, Sinclair Broadcast Group. "When making our selection, it was crucial that the chosen solution be efficient and future-proof. Harmonic's MPEG-2 technology fits the bill."

"As an advocate for new technologies, Sinclair has played a prominent role in the development of DTV," said Dr. Yaron Simler, president of Harmonic's Convergent Systems Division. "We are proud to be supporting their DTV roll-out."

About Sinclair Broadcast Group

Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., one of the largest and most diversified television broadcasting companies, currently owns and operates, or programs, 63 television stations in 40 markets. Sinclair's television group reaches approximately 25.0% of all U.S. television households and includes ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, WB and UPN affiliates. Sinclair, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Sinclair Ventures, owns equity interests in Internet-related companies including G1440, an Internet development and integration company. Sinclair has a strategic alliance with Acrodyne Communications, Inc., a manufacturer of transmitters and other television broadcast equipment. For more information, please visit www.sbginc.net.

About Harmonic Inc.

Harmonic is a leading provider of innovative broadband solutions that deliver video, voice and data to communications providers around the world. Harmonic's technically advanced fiber optic, digital video and IP data delivery systems enable network operators to provide a range of interactive and advanced digital services that include high-speed Internet access, telephony, digital video, HDTV, video & audio streaming, and video-on-demand.

Harmonic (Nasdaq:HLIT) is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California with R&D, sales, and system integration centers worldwide. The Company has customers in over 40 countries on six continents, including many of the world's largest communications providers. For more information, visit www.harmonicinc.com.

This press release contains forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, the provision of digital compression systems to Sinclair, the delivery of standard definition and high definition services, interoperability with third party systems, and an affordable upgrade path for the future, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In addition, actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of the risk factors set forth in documents that Harmonic files with the SEC, including reports on Form 10-K and 10-Q.

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