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BACnet® GROUPS ANNOUNCE INTERNATIONAL TESTING AND LISTING AGREEMENT

ATLANTA, February 2, 2001 – At this week’s International Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration Expo (AHR EXPO), the BACnet Manufacturers Association (BMA™) and the BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU) announced an international testing and listing agreement for BACnet compliant products.

A memorandum of understanding defining common testing tools, submission procedures, test procedures and product listing policies will be signed. In addition, the two groups have agreed to use the BMA’s BACnet Testing Laboratories (BTL) mark as the common international symbol for identifying BACnet compliant products in North America and in Europe.

“We are very excited about the unification of testing programs between BMA and BIG-EU,” said Jim Lee, president of the BACnet Manufacturers Association. “This historic agreement on international standardization will break down the final barrier to widespread commercial acceptance of BACnet in the marketplace today.”

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To be awarded the BTL mark, products will be subjected to rigorous tests performed at a recognized test laboratory. With a common testing framework in place worldwide, engineers, property managers, and building owners can be confident that products displaying the BTL symbol are compliant with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers’ (ASHRAE) BACnet standard. In addition, testing will improve the quality and uniformity of BACnet solutions and reduce the cost and risk of interoperable systems. By unifying procedures, manufacturers need only test their product at one approved testing laboratory to gain world acceptance.

Testing will begin simultaneously in North America and Europe at the following test laboratories:

**North America:**
BACnet Testing Laboratories
Cimetrics Inc.
55 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111-1300

**Europe:**
WSP Lab
Dr. Ing Harald Bitter
Kapuzinerweg 7
70374 Stuttgart, Germany

“BACnet certification and listing is the most important issue for the European market,” said Nils Meinert, president of BIG-EU. “With BACnet on its way to becoming an international ISO standard, we should approach the testing, certification and listing of BACnet products globally.”

**About BACnet**

BACnet is a data communication protocol for building automation and control networks. Developed under the auspices of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), BACnet is now an American national standard, a European pre-standard and a potential global standard. The protocol is supported and maintained by ASHRAE Standing Standard Project Committee (ASHRAE SSPC 135).

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About the BACnet Manufacturers Association

The BACnet Manufacturers Association (BMA) is an organization that encourages the successful use of BACnet in building automation and control systems through product testing, educational programs and promotional activities. BMA membership is open and includes companies involved in the design, manufacturing, installation, commissioning and maintenance of control equipment that uses BACnet for communication. For more information and questions about membership, contact the BMA at (617) 426-6956 or visit www.bacnetassociation.org.

About the BACnet Interest Group Europe

The BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU) is a forum organized by and for users of the ASHRAE BACnet standard to share experiences and exchange information. BIG-EU encourages the open exchange of user ideas and experiences as the complete interoperability of building systems is achieved. For more information on BIG-EU, visit www.big-eu.org.

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