Visonic and Ember to Enable ZigBee-driven Security Devices for Home Control and Management

Visonic ZigBee Sensors and Peripherals will integrate with the iControl OpenHome Software Platform, Allowing Expanded Home Management Services

Boston, MA and Tel-Aviv, Israel – June 7th, 2011 – Ember Corporation, a leading provider of low-power, wireless mesh networking technology, and Visonic Ltd., a leading developer and manufacturer of wireless home security and safety systems and components, today announced a partnership to integrate ZigBee communication protocols with Visonic security peripherals. Following joint development efforts by the two companies, Visonic will bring to market new sensors and other security peripherals based on its market-leading security devices and Ember’s robust ZigBee communication technology.

The new security devices will be dedicated for use with the iControl OpenHome™ software platform from iControl Networks, a leader in broadband home management. Their availability will enable broadband service providers to expand their next generation services offering to include home security, remote monitoring and home control services.

Pairing best-in-class software and hardware

The ZigBee RF communication protocol offers numerous benefits for security devices designed to operate as part of a complete home management solution, including long battery life and long range. Ember’s extensive experience in developing ZigBee technology solutions enables robust, high-performing chipsets, providing a perfect complement to Visonic’s extensive experience in developing, manufacturing and supporting market-leading wireless security devices.
Ember’s EM357 ZigBee SoC (system on chip) will be integrated in the Visonic line of sensors and other security peripherals for the iControl OpenHome platform. The new ZigBee-driven Visonic sensors and peripherals will provide energy usage and range performance at the level of today’s top-of-the-line security sensors currently available, as well as high sensitivity and reliability – all crucial to dependable home security.

“As the first major security vendor to develop a wide range of ZigBee-based security peripherals, Visonic has taken on an important role in the ZigBee ecosystem,” said Dennis Natale, Vice President of Sales at Ember Corporation. “We are excited about the potential this opens, for us and Visonic, and for broadband service providers, who can integrate the new sensors and devices into an expanded services offering.”

Oren Kotlicki, Director of Strategic Business at Visonic, added: “Reliability and performance have always been cornerstones of our wireless security offering, so we work with only the best possible technologies for every application. As a top developer of ZigBee technology, Ember is the ideal partner to provide us with the communication performance we need for high-performing security sensors and peripherals for the home management services market.”

The first Visonic ZigBee-driven security sensors and peripherals will be available later this year.

About Visonic

The Visonic Group (TASE:VSC.TA), founded in 1973, is a leading developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge home security systems and components that provide people around the world peace of mind and safety in their homes. Building on its decades-long position at the forefront of home security innovation, Visonic is today leading the drive to expand the boundaries of security, offering advanced solutions to the full range of residential safety needs, from securing the house and contents to safeguarding the health and comfort of the people who live there.

Visonic's offerings include a wide variety of home security systems, personal emergency response and safety systems, and a market-leading variety of peripherals. Visonic is headquartered in Israel, where it operates a development center and manufacturing plant. Its sales and marketing subsidiaries in the USA, Germany, UK, Poland, Spain and Hong Kong are supplemented by a worldwide network of distributors, serving a growing installed base that spans around 100 countries. Please visit www.visonic.com

About Ember

Ember Corporation (www.ember.com) develops wireless mesh networking technology – chips, software, tools - for Smart Energy, connected homes, as well as many other monitoring and control applications enabling greener living and work environments. The Boston-based company is a promoter of the ZigBee Alliance with an IC design center in Cambridge, England, office in Hong Kong and sales channels worldwide.

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