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Nortech Systems Active Optical Cable Product Honored by Vision Systems Design 2019 Innovators Awards Program

Chicago, IL – April 8, 2019 – On April 8, Nortech Systems (Nasdaq: NSYS) was presented with the silver award for its Intercon 1 by Nortech USB 3.1 Hybrid Active Optical Cable (AOC) in the Connectivity category at the Fifth Annual Vision Systems Design Innovators Awards presentation, held during Automate 2019 in Chicago, IL. The Intercon 1 by Nortech USB 3.1 Hybrid AOC assembly was recognized by a panel of industry experts from system integrator and end-user companies.

"We are pleased and honored to win this award in the Vision Systems Design Innovators Awards Connectivity category," states Ron Folkeringa, product manager for the Nortech Systems engineered product line, Intercon 1 by Nortech. "The Intercon 1 by Nortech USB 3.1 Hybrid AOC is a robotic-grade active optical cable assembly with inclusion of power in lengths up to 20 meters. This new cable assembly product allows us to build on our long tradition of offering the most advanced interconnect and visioning equipment to the rapidly advancing connectivity sectors in our main markets: medical device; aerospace and defense; and industrial."

"This award proves that our efforts in the connectivity sector are paving the way for faster and more accurate performance in the active optical cable assembly arena," adds Jeremy Ling, director of marketing for Nortech Systems. "Since 1978, Nortech Systems' Intercon 1 product line has led the camera cable market, providing sophisticated engineering, specialized tools and methodologies to support groundbreaking technology."

Alan Bergstein, publisher of Vision Systems Design (http://www.vision-systems.com) says, "This prestigious program allows Vision Systems Design to celebrate and recognize the most innovative products and services in the vision and image processing industry. Our 2019 Honorees are an outstanding example of companies who are making an impact in the industry."

The Innovators Awards are judged based on the following criteria:

Originality Innovation Impact on Designers, Systems Integrators, End Users Fulfilling a need in the market that hasn't been addressed Leveraging a novel technology

The 2019 Visions Systems Design Innovators Awards Honorees are featured in the June Issue of Vision Systems Design magazine as well as on http://www.vision-systems.com. Companies were recognized in the following categories:

Cameras - visible Cameras - 3D Cameras - non-visible Cameras - Specialty (High-speed, scientific) Connectivity: Cables, connectors, extenders, interfaces, etc. Embedded vision: Cameras, computers, boards, processors, development kit, components Frame grabbers and boards Image sensors Lighting, lenses, and optics Robotics Software Unmanned Vision systems

About Vision Systems Design

Published since 1996, Vision Systems Design is a global resource for engineers, engineering managers and systems integrators that provides comprehensive global coverage of vision systems technologies, applications and markets. Vision Systems Design's magazine, website (http://www.vision-systems.com), email newsletters and webcasts report on and analyze the latest technology and business developments and trends in the worldwide machine vision and image processing industry.

About the Vision Systems Design 2019 Innovators Awards program

The Vision Systems Design 2019 Innovators Awards program reviewed and recognized the most innovative products and services in the vision and image processing industry. Honorees were announced at Automate 2019 held in Chicago, IL, USA. Criteria used in the Innovators Awards ranking included: originality, innovation; impact on designers, systems integrators and end-users; fulfilling a need in the market that hasn't been addressed; leveraging a novel technology; and increasing productivity.

About Nortech Systems

Nortech Systems is an electronics manufacturing service (EMS) provider of end-to-end, highly complex product lifecycle management solutions. Nortech specializes in complex interconnect solutions, engineering design services, printed circuit board assemblies, higher-level assemblies, box builds and more. The Nortech Systems Intercon 1 by Nortech product line specializes in machine vision technology and is the premier producer of camera cable and assemblies in the United States. <u>www.nortechsys.com</u>

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