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- System builders add TV viewing, radio reception plus television recording to Windows XP Media Center 2005

London, England – Hauppauge Digital, the world's leading developer and manufacturer of TV cards for PCs, has introduced a range of TV receivers certified for the new Windows XP Media Center Edition (MCE) 2005. The range will be available to resellers and system builders creating exciting new platforms based on MCE 2005.

Hauppauge is offering resellers special OEM 3-packs of the PVR-150. "MCE 2005 is going to be big news in the run up to Christmas, particularly for system builders and resellers prepared to offer ready-made packages. The addition of a Hauppauge TV card completes the MCE 2005 experience with TV and Recording on the desktop," said Yehia Oweiss, Managing Director of Hauppauge Digital.

Hauppauge has already been chosen to supply TV cards to many leading PC makers as part of their Media Center 2005 offerings, including HP, Fujitsu, FIC, Elonex, Evesham, Iqon, Quantum, and Medion. In addition, Hauppauge has technology partnerships with AMD, Intel and Scan to develop innovative form factor PCs to exploit the potential of MCE 2005.

The five new products from Hauppauge are:-

WinTV PVR-150 MCE PCI analogue with MPEG-2 encoder

PCI board with analogue TV tuner plus FM radio receiver to allow viewing and recording of TV/ radio broadcasts. An on-board MPEG-2 encoder removes burden from PC's CPU to ensure smooth recording. Two WinTV-PVR-150's can be installed in a Windows XP system at a time, bringing the ability to watch one channel while recording another channel. In addition, the WinTV-PVR-150 has audio/video inputs to connect to and record from set top boxes such as satellite receivers and cable TV boxes.

A low profile version of the PVR-150 is available for low profile chassis. It is hardware and software compatible with the full height WinTV-PVR-150MCE.

WinTV PVR-500MCE PCI dual analogue tuners with MPEG-2 encoder

PCI board with dual TV tuners plus a single FM radio receiver to allow the watching or recording of two TV channels at a time. In addition, the WinTV-PVR-500MCE has two on board A/V connectors for audio/video inputs to connect to set top boxes such as satellite receivers and cable TV boxes.

WinTV PVR USB2 MCE USB2.0 analogue tuner with MPEG-2 encoder

External USB 2.0 box with a single TV tuner plus hardware MPEG encoder. Designed for use in both laptop

and desktop computers, the WinTV PVR USB2-MCE can be used as either the only TV tuner in a system running Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005, or can be added as a second TV tuner to any system running Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005. This would allow the background recording of one TV channel while another TV channel is being watching the screen.

WinTV PVR NOVA-T MCE PCI digital Freeview tuner

PCI board with digital TV receiver for use with Freeview services in the UK. Allows for viewing and recording of Freeview programmes (which are broadcast in MPEG-2) as well as digital radio that is broadcast under Freeview (this is NOT DAB).

“Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005 is one of the most compelling home user experiences we have seen for PCs,” said Yehia Oweiss, Managing Director of Hauppauge Digital UK. “Our WinTV MCE products add television viewing, television recording and radio to the media experience that consumers have come to expect from their PCs. Now with Media Center Edition 2005, the PC has become the central point for all media in the home.”

“Hauppauge is a market leader with a history of delivering high-quality receiver products, and we’re thrilled with its broad support for Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005,” said Paul Randle, Windows Client Product Manager of Microsoft Corp. “Hauppauge’s new products, introduced today, will deliver great solutions for the high-quality TV features of Media Center Edition 2005.”

Drivers for the Hauppauge WinTV MCE range are Microsoft WHQL (Windows Hardware Quality Lab) certified.

About Hauppauge:

Hauppauge Digital, is the world leader in desktop TV products, with a range covering PC and Mac, analogue and digital, satellite television broadcast, teletext, FM stereo radio, Dolby surround and video capture.

In addition the company has recently moved into the set-top box market with the Freeview receiver range.

Prices range from £29 to £199 including VAT. www.hauppauge.co.uk

WinTV and DEC Product is available online and on the high street, from Amazon, Comet, Dabs, eBuyer, Inmac, Insight, John Lewis, Light Computer Systems, Maplin Electronics, MicroDirect, MicroWarehouse, Micro Anvika, PCUpgrader, PC World, Procom Direct, RS Components, Savastore.com, Scan, SMC Direct, Staples, Technomatic, Time Computers.

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