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Inc. Magazine Unveils Exclusive List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc. 5000

Annapolis Micro Systems, Inc. Ranks No. 3159 on the 2009 Inc. 5000 with Three-Year Sales Growth of 84%

NEW YORK, August 12, 2009 -- *Inc.* magazine today ranked Annapolis Micro Systems, Inc. NO. 3159 on its third annual Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. Annapolis Micro Systems, Inc. ranked 45 in Baltimore-Towson, and 42 in Computer Hardware. Last year Annapolis Micro Systems, Inc. was ranked 4619 on the 2008 Inc. 5000 list. The list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America's independent-minded entrepreneurs. Consumer electronics maker Vizio, Internet giant GoDaddy, rental car service Zipcar, and beverage maker Honest Tea are among the prominent brands featured on this year's list.

“Savvy trend spotters and those who invest in private companies know that the Inc. 5000 is the best place to find out about young companies that are achieving success through a wide variety of unprecedented business models, as well as older private companies that are still expanding at an impressive rate,” said Inc. 5000 project manager Jim Melloan. “That’s why our list is so eagerly anticipated every year.”

Annapolis Micro Systems, Inc., in business since 1982, is a leader in parallel processing Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) based performance and targets high input/output bandwidth computationally intensive problems with Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) products. Typical applications include radar, sonar, network analysis, cyber security, SIGINT, ELINT, Digital Signal Processing (DSP), FFTs, communications, software radio, encryption, image processing, text processing, multi channel SATCOM processing, pattern matching, gas/oil exploration, financial algorithms, and genomic algorithms. Customers include major aerospace and defense contractors, government agencies and laboratories, universities, and other entities working in high performance computing - both within the United States and all over the

world. Annapolis's wholly owned subsidiary, Annapolis Micro Systems AB, is positioned in Stockholm, Sweden, to provide a sales and customer support force in Europe, to better service its growing body of EU customers. All products are made in the USA.

Annapolis carries a full line of Xilinx Virtex 4, Virtex 5 and Virtex 6 FPGA based main boards with standard backplanes including PCI/PCI-X/PCIe, VME/VMX64/VXS, IBM Blade Center, XMC, and MicroTCA. The growing list of high performance Analog to Digital I/O mezzanine cards includes: Quad 130, 160, 170, 180, 200, 250, 400, 500 and 550 MSps, Dual 1.0 GSps, and Single 1.5, 2.0, 2.2 and 5.0 GSps. Digital to Analog cards include Quad 600 MSps and Dual 1.5, 2.3 and 4.0 GSps. Ethernet, 10G Ethernet, 40/100 G Ethernet, Infiniband, SFPDP, and LVDS are supported on a variety of main boards and I/O mezzanine cards.

As an example, the WILDSTAR 5 for IBM Blade Chassis, is a marvel of interconnectivity and configurability, with six pluggable processing/memory modules, and up to four pluggable A/D, D/A or High Speed Comms I/O cards. Mix and match Virtex 5 FPGAs and Tiler TILEPro64 Multicore Processors for unique and flexible heterogeneous processing power.

The Annapolis CoreFire™ FPGA Application Builder, with thousands of Modules, including FFTs and FIR filters, transforms the FPGA development process, making it possible for theoreticians to easily and quickly build and test their algorithms on the real hardware which will be used in the field.

The combination of Annapolis COTS hardware and CoreFire™ allows customers to make massive improvements in Processing Speed, while achieving significant savings in Size, Weight, Power, Person-Hours, Dollars, and Calendar Time-to-Deployment.

Annapolis is famous for and owes its success to the high quality of its products and to its unparalleled dedication to ensuring that the customers applications succeed. Annapolis offers training and exceptional special application development support, as well as more conventional support.

The 2009 Inc. 5000, unveiled Wednesday August 12, 2009 on Inc.com, serves as a unique report card on the U.S. economy. Despite the ongoing recession, aggregate revenue among the companies on the list actually increased to \$214 billion, up \$29 billion from last year, with a median three-year growth rate of 126 percent. The Inc. 5000 are responsible for creating more than 1 million jobs since their founding, making the list perhaps the best example of the impact private, fast-growing companies can have on the economy. Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found on Inc.com.

Methodology

The Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth from 2005 through 2008. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by the first week of 2005, and therefore able to show four full calendar years of sales. Additionally, they have to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent -- not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies -- as of December 31, 2008. Revenue in 2005 must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in 2008 must have been at least \$2 million. The top 10 percent of companies on the list comprise the Inc. 500, now in its 28th year.

About Annapolis Micro Systems, Inc.

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