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CABA AND INDUSTRY GROUPS TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS INTEROPERABILITY

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In an ongoing effort to encourage the development of essential industry standards, CABA has joined several working groups sponsored by the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) and the Custom Electronics Design & Installation Association (CEDIA).

CABA, through its Connected Home Council, will participate with both respective organizations through industry working groups in order to help its membership enable interoperability between new products and existing devices.

"An essential component of CABA's mission has always been to serve as a forum for promoting interoperability and information sharing among standard and protocol groups," said Ronald J. Zimmer, CABA President & CEO. "The consumer electronics industry has a pivotal role to play in tackling issues of interoperability and these working groups are an important step that could lead to huge market potential, not to mention convenience for consumers."

CABA will be participating in CEA/CEDIA R10 Residential Systems Committee working groups that examine home theater lighting, HVAC and documentation. CABA has prioritized this work as a major initiative for the CABA Connected Home Council for the next year.

Established in 2004, the CABA Connected Home Council initiates and reviews projects that relate to connected home and multiple dwelling unit technologies and applications. Connected homes intelligently access wide area network services such as television and radio programming, data and voice communications, life safety and energy management/control information and distribute them throughout the home for convenient use by consumers. The Council also examines industry opportunities that can accelerate the adoption of new technologies, consumer electronics and broadband services within the burgeoning connected home market.

"CABA is incredibly proud to be able to contribute to this cross-industry effort," stated Steve Teubner, CABA Board member and newly appointed Chair of CABA's Connected Home Council. "We are excited to be part of this effort to enhance both standards interoperability and the consumer electronics marketplace."

Teubner, along with Andrew Wale, Vice President of Marketing for Legrand's Home Systems Division, CABA Board member and new Vice-Chair of CABA's Connected Home Council will help direct CABA's contribution. Permanent CABA liaisons to the CEA R10 working groups will be selected in September.

About CABA

The Continental Automated Buildings Association (CABA) is a leading industry association that promotes advanced technologies in homes and buildings in North America. More information is available at www.caba.org.

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