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## **OpenVPX™ System Specification Ratified by VITA Standards Organization**

### **VITA 65 Working Group Completes Last Steps Before Moving to ANSI Ratification**

SCOTTSDALE, AZ, February 10, 2010 — VITA, the trade association dedicated to fostering American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited open system architectures in critical embedded system applications announced that the VITA Standards Organization (VSO) working group responsible for the VITA 65 OpenVPX™ System Specification has ratified the specification. The specification now meets the final criteria enabling balloting to proceed for ANSI ratification.

The VITA 65 working group received the original body of work from the OpenVPX Industry Working Group in October of 2009. Since then, the VITA 65 working group has been resolving the last outstanding comments received during the balloting process. At the January VSO meeting, the required number of approvals was achieved, officially recognizing the specification as ratified by the VSO. Special acknowledgement should be made to Curtiss-Wright Controls Embedded Computing's Pete Jha, chairperson of the VITA 65 working group and Mercury Computer Systems' Greg Rocco, lead editor of the VITA 65 working group, for their tireless contribution to the timely ratification process and congratulations to the rest of the working group members.

VPX is a broadly defined technology utilizing the latest in a variety of switch fabric technologies in 3U and 6U format modules. OpenVPX is the architecture framework that defines system-level VPX

interoperability for multivendor, multimodule, integrated system environments. The OpenVPX framework delineates clear interoperability points necessary for integrating module to module, module to backplane, and chassis. OpenVPX recommends but does not specify development systems to assist in VPX system evaluation, prototyping, and development. OpenVPX will evolve and incorporate new fabric, connector, and system technology as new standards are defined.

“This is a major step forward in the process of reaching our final goal,” said Hybricon’s Neil Peterson, Chairman of the VPX Marketing Alliance. “VSO ratification means that we now have a solid specification that can enable designs of compliant products to move forward and we look to see ongoing product releases of OpenVPX compliant products from our member companies.”

The working group will now submit the specification to a larger body of interested parties for balloting as part of the process to gain ANSI ratification. This process is expected to take 2-3 months, at after which time the specification will be available to designers in the industry.

Companies that develop VPX products are encouraged to contact VITA to join the VPX Marketing Alliance. For more information, visit the VPX Marketing Alliance website at [www.vita.com/vpx](http://www.vita.com/vpx).

### ***About VITA***

Founded in 1984, VITA is an incorporated, non-profit organization of suppliers and users who share a common market interest in critical embedded systems. VITA champions open system architectures. Its activities are international in scope, technical, promotional, and user-centric. VITA aims to increase total market size for its members, expand market exposure for suppliers, and deliver timely technical information. VITA has ANSI and IEC accreditation to develop standards (VME, VXS, VPX, OpenVPX™, XMC, FMC, etc.) for embedded systems used in a myriad of critical applications and harsh environments. For further information, visit [www.vita.com](http://www.vita.com) .

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