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ClearOne Announces Support for Microsoft Office Communications Server 2007 With New Speakerphone

The CHAT 170 Group Conferencing Speakerphone Optimized for Microsoft Office Communicator 2007.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- ClearOne (Nasdaq: CLRO), a leading provider of high performance audio conferencing solutions, today announced a new speakerphone specifically designed for use with Microsoft Office Communications Server 2007. As a Certified Partner in the Microsoft Partner Program, ClearOne will begin providing high performance audio solutions that support users of Microsoft's unified communications platform. The first product to be qualified as optimized for Microsoft Office Communicator 2007 is the CHAT 170, ClearOne's group conferencing speakerphone.

The ClearOne CHAT 170 conference phone connects via USB to laptops or PCs for natural, hands-free audio communication using Office Communicator 2007. Featuring ClearOne's trademarked audio processing technologies, the CHAT 170 delivers unmatched full-duplex capability for crystal-clear communications. It includes three built-in microphones for full 360-degree pickup and a large speaker for exceptional, high quality sound. For users of Office Communicator 2007, the CHAT 170 is the perfect addition to the office or conference room for greatly enhanced collaboration.

"The combination of Office Communications Server 2007 Release 2 and the CHAT 170 provides a powerful new way for people to collaborate and offers customers a rich and integrated communications experience," said Eric Swift, senior director of the Microsoft Unified Communications Group at Microsoft Corp. "The CHAT 170 is adding significant value to enterprise communications and enabling businesses to better connect people, information and business processes."

The CHAT 170 contains ClearOne's HDConference™ technology. HDConference is a ClearOne suite of high-performance audio technologies that encompasses such things as full duplex, Distributed Echo Cancellation™, noise reduction, first mic priority, and adaptive modeling. Taken separately, each technology is best-in-class and a critical component to a quality conferencing system. In combination, these elements make conferencing a more natural experience.

"We are pleased to announce the CHAT 170 and our support for Office Communications Server 2007," said Tracy Bathurst, CTO at ClearOne. "The CHAT 170 is a unique conferencing product in the marketplace and will help users of Office Communicator 2007 be much more productive. Microsoft's unified communications technologies offer customers broad choices in how they can communicate and collaborate. The CHAT 170 is a powerful collaboration tool that makes communication much more natural and personal. This combination is especially important as more and more organizations are looking for ways to increase productivity while reducing costs."

About ClearOne

ClearOne Communications Inc. is a communications solutions company that develops and sells audio conferencing systems and related products for audio, video and web conferencing applications. The reliability, flexibility and performance of ClearOne's comprehensive solutions create a natural communications environment that saves organizations time and money by enabling more effective and efficient communication. For additional information, access www.clearone.com.

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