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ClearOne Unveils New Chat Speakerphones for Microsoft Lync and Skype at Industry Conference on Enterprise Communications

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 28, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- ClearOne® (<http://www.clearone.com> Nasdaq: CLRO), a global communications and entertainment solutions company, today unveiled its two latest USB speakerphones designed for personal desktop use in organizations using Microsoft Lync or Skype for audio conferencing via Windows personal computers. In Orlando for the opening the Enterprise Connect industry conference, ClearOne introduced the CHAT® 70-U (for Lync) and CHAT® 60-U (for Skype), both featuring integrated call controls, including an end-call button, on the device. The new models are also equipped with propriety ClearOne technologies enabling natural conversation without the clipping, echo, noise or tinny sound many people associate with speakerphone use.

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Both new CHAT speakerphones, created expressly for VoIP applications using PCs or Unified Communications software, are designed for ease of use and superior voice quality. They feature raised, push-button controls for speaker volume, mute, and call hook and include a blue LED, which lights when a call is in progress. Just slightly larger than a typical computer mouse, the CHAT 70-U and CHAT 60-U incorporate ClearOne's HDConference® technologies, which provide acoustic echo cancellation, noise cancellation, and automatic audio level control, all critical to allowing natural, free-flowing conversation and producing clear, rich sound quality.

"These new CHATs deliver corporate-quality audio and ease of control for common call features, and they plug-n-play with Windows PCs used in an enterprise or stand-alone setting," said ClearOne's Larry McCauley, Director of Product Line Management for Unified Communications. "With CHAT, users can answer and end calls without even interrupting their screen saver," he said.

McCauley said the new two CHAT units are USB-powered and require no external power connection. While specifically designed for Lync or Skype use, they also enhance the audio for other PC and web-based conferencing solutions. Both models will be available at the beginning of Q2 2011. The CHAT 70-U (for Lync) is priced at \$159.99; the CHAT 60-U (for Skype) is priced at \$149.99.

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