

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Ridgetop Group Offers IP License Rebate to Celebrate its Participation in Altera's AMPP Partnership Program****TUCSON, Ariz.—February 16, 2011**

Ridgetop Group Inc., a leading designer of proven electronic prognostic tools such as the real-time ball grid array (BGA) health monitoring IP block, Solder Joint Built-In Self-Test™ (SJ BIST™), is celebrating its joining Altera Corporation's AMPP<sup>SM</sup> intellectual property (IP) partnership program by offering a special license fee rebate. Altera now lists SJ BIST prognostic monitoring of BGAs in its FPGA IP partner library. This partnership enables Altera's customers to easily locate and insert Ridgetop's validated SJ BIST health monitoring IP into their critical applications. SJ BIST is listed in Altera's IP partners library at <http://www.altera.com/products/ip/ampp/ampp1.html>.

Ridgetop's Director of Sales, Phil Davies, commented, "We are pleased to extend a special invitation to all Altera customers to take advantage of Ridgetop joining this program. In celebration, Ridgetop will rebate 25% of the list price for each SJ BIST IP Evaluation License fee for Altera's FPGA customer orders received through March 31, 2011. This temporary offer allows customers to confirm the value of Ridgetop's embedded real-time SJ BIST sensor IP by applying it in their critical deployed products, or in initial accelerated lifecycle testing of BGA and CGA packages, stacked chips and flip chips." Call your local Ridgetop sales representative or contact [marketing@ridgetopgroup.com](mailto:marketing@ridgetopgroup.com) for details and conditions of this special offer.

FPGAs are widely used for their flexibility and ease of use in electronic designs. Using high-density ball grid array (BGA) packages, the devices rely upon individual solder balls to attach the FPGA to a printed circuit board (PCB). Ridgetop's unique patented method incorporates an easily instantiated real-time monitoring technique for FPGAs used in harsh, high-vibration environments where early detection of problems is warranted. Ridgetop provides a prognostic sensor for monitoring these solder joints with its SJ BIST product, which has been rigorously tested by major U.S. government prime contractors and NASA.

**About Ridgetop Group**

Based in Tucson, Arizona, Ridgetop Group is the world leader in providing advanced electronic prognostics and health management (ePHM) solutions, semiconductor IP blocks, and built-in self-test (BIST) solutions for critical applications. The company maintains business divisions for advanced radiation-hardened microelectronics, and electronic prognostics and health management (PHM) solutions for critical electronic sensing and control applications. Founded in 2000, Ridgetop has built an impressive list of aerospace, automotive and medical system customers in North America, Europe, and Asia. For more information, please visit [www.RidgetopGroup.com](http://www.RidgetopGroup.com) or contact Phil Davies, Director, Sales and Marketing at 520-742-3300.

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