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Ridgetop Group Announces Strategic Alliance with Leading European Test Solution Provider Q-Star Test

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Ridgetop Group, Inc., a fast-growing developer and supplier of advanced electronic prognostic and integrated circuit (IC) test technologies, and Q-Star Test, a world-leading provider of advanced high-speed, high-resolution current measurement solutions and methodologies, announced a strategic alliance to jointly develop and market a comprehensive portfolio of IC test solutions.

“We chose to partner with Ridgetop Group because of its very complimentary offerings, innovative design capabilities, and leading test expertise,” said Hans Manhaeve, president & CEO of Q-Star Test. “This partnership will undoubtedly enhance our position in the US market and offer customers world-class solutions to better optimize their test flows and improve product quality.”

Under the agreement, Ridgetop Group and Q-Star will combine industry-leading IDDX and ISSX current measurement technologies, design for test (DFT) intellectual property (IP), and electronic prognostics technologies.

“Ridgetop Group is committed to embracing technologies that will not only complement our existing portfolio, but satisfy the growing demands of our customers,” said Ridgetop Group CEO Douglas Goodman. “Q-Star Test’s patented current measurement and DFT solutions are the ideal complement to Ridgetop’s existing integrated circuit test IP portfolio.”

About Ridgetop Group

Ridgetop Group Inc. 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. Founded in 2000 with the purpose of introducing revolutionary tools to improve performance of mission-critical electronic systems, Ridgetop has built an impressive list of customers in North America, Europe, and Asia.

About Q-Star Test

Q-Star Test delivers solutions that help customers build better products at lower costs, to enrich their knowledge, and to support their engineering activities. Q-Star Test solutions aim for Test Time reduction, IC Quality improvement (addressing Oppm quality targets and requirements), IC Reliability improvement (allowing to achieve ODPM reliability fall-out requirements) and for fast and accurate failure analysis. Q-Star Test helps the IC industry to implement Design-For-Test (DFT) strategies and provides cost effective solutions to optimize the test process, to reduce test time and costs, to improve test data quality, to improve productivity and to improve the overall product quality. Q-Star Test was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in Brugge, Belgium.

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