



Z-Wave Alliance Certifies Its 350th Product Major Milestone Solidifies Z-Wave as the Leading Technology for Wireless Home Control

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MILPITAS, CA -- (Marketwire) -- 01/05/10 -- The Z-Wave Alliance, an open consortium of global companies dedicated to building home control products based on Z-Wave wireless technology, today reached a major milestone with the certification of its 350th product, the Kwikset SmartCode Deadbolt with Home Connect.

"This is a momentous day for Z-Wave," noted Raoul Wijergangs, chairman of the Z-Wave Alliance. "From day one we have been focused on creating a global ecosystem that allows products from various manufacturers to work together seamlessly -- with Z-Wave being the glue that brings them all together. There's no other wireless home control technology that comes even close to the number of certified Z-Wave products available to consumers."

Z-Wave provides an end-to-end solution that allows the homeowner to wirelessly manage and control lighting, thermostats, appliances and home entertainment systems from anywhere in the world. The Z-Wave certification process is extensive and those products that achieve certification can be identified by the Z-Wave logo on their packaging. All Z-Wave certified products are interoperable, making it easy to build a Z-Wave home network.

2009 will go down as a momentous year for the growth of Z-Wave around the globe. Some of the major successes include:

-- Retail Growth - Z-Wave products are now available through three major retailers -- Radio Shack, Fry's and Lowe's -- along with numerous e-tailers. Manufacturers selling products through the retail channel include Cooper, GE/Jasco, Hawking, Homemanageables, Leviton, Schlage, Universal Electronics Inc. (NEVO) and Wayne-Dalton.

-- Home Energy Management - Z-Wave puts home energy management in the hands of consumers, while also allowing utilities to communicate with home systems directly -- with or without a smart meter. Consumers are actively seeking simple ways to "go green" and Z-Wave falls squarely into that category due to its low-cost and interoperability. Significant traction is taking hold in Europe with Kamstrup, Horstmann and Modstrøm, while major manufacturers in the U.S. are also introducing Z-Wave-certified home energy management solutions including Black & Decker, Schlage (Trane), iControl

Networks and 4Home, to name a few.

-- Next-Gen Home Security - consumer demand for next-generation interactive home services is accelerating the growth and availability of security and access control solutions in the Z-Wave ecosystem. ADT joined the Z-Wave Alliance in October 2009, adding an industry behemoth with a respected brand and a large customer base. Other Z-Wave Alliance members developing Z-Wave-based security and access control solutions include Schlage, Black & Decker and Wayne-Dalton.

-- Enhanced Interoperability - the announcement that Z-Wave interfaces with Control4®, the leader in affordable IP-based home control and entertainment systems, in September 2009 was a huge milestone that opened Z-Wave to the more than one million Control4 products on the market. Ultimately, this means a much larger selection of home control and home entertainment products for consumers.

"We're excited that Kwikset's SmartCode Deadbolt with Home Connect has been confirmed as the 350th certified Z-Wave product," added Dave Albert, vice president of Residential Access Solutions at Black & Decker's Security Hardware Division. "The growth of the global Z-Wave ecosystem continues to build momentum, and we are committed to Z-Wave technology as consumer demand continues to rise."

The Z-Wave Alliance will be exhibiting at CES 2010 (Booth # 20901 South Hall 1) in Las Vegas from January 7-10, where the latest and greatest Z-Wave certified products will be on display, including the Kwikset SmartCode with Home Connect.

About Z-Wave

Z-Wave is an award-winning, proven and interoperable wireless mesh networking technology that allows a wide array of devices in and around the home to communicate including lighting, appliances, HVAC, entertainment centers and security systems. Z-Wave brings many benefits to everyday life including remote home monitoring, home healthcare, safety and security, and energy conservation. Z-Wave certified products are currently available from leading consumer brands in more than 350 products. For more information about Z-Wave, please visit www.z-wave.com : www.z-wave.com .

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About the Z-Wave Alliance

Formed in January 2005, the Z-Wave Alliance is a consortium of leading companies in the home technology space dedicated to solidifying Z-Wave as the standard for wireless home control products. The principal members include Cooper Wiring Devices, Danfoss, FAKRO, Ingersoll-Rand Leviton, Sigma Designs, Wayne-Dalton, and Universal Electronics Inc. (UEI). Its members lead the home controls market, providing leading edge products and systems that deliver increased comfort, convenience, energy conservation, safety and security. Z-Wave technology is the foundation of all products manufactured by the Alliance members. For more information about the Z-Wave Alliance, visit www.z-wavealliance.org : www.z-wavealliance.org .

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