

Gennum Announces Production Availability of Second Generation CDRs for XFP MSA Compliant Optical Transceivers

BURLINGTON, Ontario (March 06, 2006) – Gennum Corporation (TSX: GND) today announced production availability of its second-generation 10Gb/s CDRs (clock and data recovery ICs) for optical transceivers designed to XFP MSA specifications.

The GN2003S optical receive path CDR and the GN2004S optical transmit path CDRs, based on Gennum's ClearEdge™ technology offer enhanced performance and reduced power consumption. For ease of design upgrade, pin for pin compatibility is maintained with the first generation devices, the GN2003 and GN2004.

“Using these devices our customers have achieved excellent performance in SONET and Ethernet applications”, stated Ryan Latchman, Senior Product Manager, Gennum Data Communication Products Division. “We have improved performance across the board, including jitter generation, jitter transfer and jitter tolerance characteristics for SONET applications and Stressed Receive Sensitivity (SRS) performance for Ethernet applications. All of this has been achieved with expanded data rate coverage to 11.3Gb/s and significantly reduced power consumption.”

“XFP MSA compliant optical modules are developing strong momentum in the marketplace as OEMs see a path to increased port densities and lower costs compared to earlier generation modules”, stated Bharat Tailor, Director of Marketing, Gennum Data Communication Products Division. “Having shipped more than a quarter million 10G CDRs to date, we believe we have the leading solution for XFP CDRs in the industry.”

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