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UNIDEN ACQUIRES BROADBAND GATEWAYS
Electronics Giant Slated to Launch Uniden Evolo® Suite in 2001

FORT WORTH (September 25) – Uniden America Corporation, a global leader in consumer electronics, this week announced that it has purchased the assets of former Texas technology firm Broadband Gateways, Inc. (BGI) – significantly bolstering Uniden’s broadband product portfolio.

According to Uniden officials, the acquisition is comprised of all BGI assets and intellectual property, including the patents underlying its Evolo® portfolio of home and enterprise voice and data gateway products. Separately, Uniden is interviewing former BGI employees to fill key positions on the Uniden Evolo team. Under the terms of the deal, the consumer electronics giant does not assume any BGI liabilities.

Uniden America President Al Silverberg stated that the purchase will serve as a key plank of the company’s strategy for winning market share in the broadband telephony category. “The broadband market will continue to be the leading growth segment in telecommunications, and this acquisition represents the perfect marriage of market-leading broadband technology with Uniden’s proven acumen for cost-effective production, solid distribution, and cutting-edge wireless product development,” Silverberg said.

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“Based on discussions with our customers, we believe our modular Evolo line – which allows buyers to add 802.11b wireless data LANs and cordless multi-handset modules to the base VoDSL gateway with a simple click – will be a key driver in increasing broadband subscription rates and carrier margins.”

Greg Fadul, vice president, Broadband Division, said the Evolo line comprises a broad range of products capable of serving diverse vertical applications in the residential, SOHO, and enterprise markets. “Evolu will be a cornerstone product in our growing broadband portfolio, which includes offerings ranging from H.323 standard compliant and Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) phones to 802.11b wireless LAN products and a line of integrated access devices,” Fadul said. “We currently have a 10-year roadmap for developing and releasing the Evolo line of products into the VoDSL, VoIP, and cable marketplaces, with the first products shipping mid 2002 – reflecting Uniden’s confidence that broadband will be a strong engine for the growth of our company.”

About Uniden

Uniden America Corporation, the North American subsidiary of Japan based Uniden Corporation, manufactures and markets wireless consumer electronic products including cordless telephones, business telecommunications systems, multimedia communications devices, scanner radios, CB radios, FRS, Marine radios and other wireless personal communications products. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, Uniden sells its products through dealers and distributors throughout North, Central and South America.

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