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Vitesse Names WPG Americas, Inc. As Its New Americas Distributor

(November 7, 2011) SAN JOSE, Calif. & CAMARILLO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- WPG Americas Inc. and Vitesse Semiconductor Corporation (NASDAQ:VTSS), a leading provider of advanced IC solutions for **Carrier and Enterprise networks**, announced today that **WPG Americas (WPGA)** will be handling distribution of Vitesse's complete line of products in the Americas effective immediately.

Vitesse's high-performance **communications ICs** are designed to address the transition to **Ethernet**-based technology in Carrier and Enterprise networks. The new relationship with WPGA supports Vitesse's revenue growth and market share initiatives for its next-generation products. WPGA will sell Vitesse products into traditional telecom markets, as well as into new markets, including **industrial, video** and **wireless backhaul**.

"As the network continues its migration to Ethernet, our new generation of products is finding its way closer to the network edge, opening up new markets and applications for Vitesse. There are significant synergies between WPGA and Vitesse, including a focus on technology, customer service and support, that will ultimately allow our customers to bring solutions to market faster," said Phil Richards, vice president of sales at Vitesse. "We are confident that WPGA brings an ideal balance of technical and sales expertise to win market share for our products, while delivering exceptional levels of service and support to our customers."

WPGA's parent, **WPG Holdings Limited**, is one of the world's largest semiconductor distributors. Recognized as the premier distributor in Asia, WPG plans to replicate its success in the Americas with Vitesse as its flagship communications IC product line. WPG is well reputed for their team of highly-technical experts, service and support, as well as their strength in reference design development for varied applications and markets.

"We are very excited about this new agreement with Vitesse as this enables us to build a strong business in the communications market in the Americas with Vitesse as the core of that effort," stated Mike Chang, chairman and CEO of WPI Group and chairman of WPGA. "Our goal is to become the pre-eminent distributor in support of the thriving communications market for both Carrier and Enterprise networks."

"The addition of Vitesse to our solutions offering brings enabling technology to our customers in the communications and video markets," added Stephen Segal, president and CEO of WPGA. "Their reputation for technology solutions in the Carrier and Enterprise networking space, as well as broadcast video, makes them an ideal fit for our linecard. Our specialist communication engineers and nationwide sales force are excited about the fantastic opportunity to provide Vitesse products in our reference design development to help our customers quickly bring advanced networking and video solutions to market. We are excited about the venture and look forward to growing with Vitesse."

About WPG Americas Inc.

Headquartered in San Jose, Calif., WPG Americas Inc. is a member of WPG Holdings, an over \$11B worldwide distributor of semiconductors, passive, electro-mechanical, and display products. Founded in November 2007, WPGA is a franchised partner for leading technology suppliers. As a member of WPG Holdings, WPGA is uniquely positioned to offer total solutions to its diverse customer base. WPGA continues to introduce new leading edge technologies, quality service and design-in focus through its superior engineering programs. For more information, visit www.wpgamericas.com.

About Vitesse

Vitesse designs, develops and markets a diverse portfolio of high-performance, cost-competitive semiconductor solutions for Carrier and Enterprise networks worldwide. Engineering excellence and dedicated customer service distinguish Vitesse as an industry leader in high-performance Ethernet LAN, WAN, and RAN, Ethernet-over-SONET/SDH, Optical Transport (OTN), and best-in-class Signal Integrity and Physical Layer products for Ethernet, Fibre Channel, Serial Attached SCSI, InfiniBand®, Video, and PCI Express applications. Additional company and product information is available at www.vitesse.com.

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