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EU and China RoHS Compliance Now Faster and Easier: Full IPC 1752 Functionality is now available in Material Declaration Wizard Software MDW/1752

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Colorado Springs, CO – October 3, 2006. For the very first time, manufacturers of electrical and electronic equipment struggling with EU and China RoHS data collection have a comprehensive, yet affordable solution that fully supports the IPC Standard 1752 format.

Released today, the **GoodBye Chain Group's Material Declaration Wizard Software Tool MDW/1752** now features complete XML import and export functionality for all six classes of IPC 1752 reporting. Other key highlights:

- In less than five minutes, companies that have BoM-related ppm data can produce an IPC 1752 report for their customers or website
- Companies purchasing ppm data from third-parties, including GCG alliance partners, can import that data directly into MDW/1752
- Companies collecting ppm data with IPC 1752 forms or any other format can automatically import and aggregate those forms within MDW/1752

MDW/1752 provides complete RoHS-related functionality in a MS Windows-based application that any user can install without IT support. MDW/1752 provides the same functionality as much larger systems at 5-10% of the cost. It has an intuitive user interface, comprehensive Help, and a unique on-line RoHS 'encyclopedia' of compliance information.

Because MDW/1752 enables companies to be up-and-running with a RoHS-related database in a matter of hours rather than months, it offers the fastest and most affordable path to RoHS compliance.

"MDW/1752 is the most flexible RoHS application on the market", says Jim Dills, GCG Managing Director and member of the IPC 1752 Working Group. "SMEs can afford it, yet it also serves larger companies needing an immediate '1752 XML connector' for their enterprise systems. This allows large companies to implement RoHS data collection and management solutions right away as an interim solution until their ERP or PLM systems are fully 1752 XML-functional."

Today, MDW is used by companies at all levels of the supply chain to collect, manage, and report RoHS-related data. Component and subassembly manufacturers use MDW to aggregate substance and material data, while large contract manufacturers are using MDW to roll up parts information from suppliers and to report that information to their most demanding EU customers. Still other customers are using MDW as an easily-implemented 'front-end' for existing PLM and ERP systems.

"GCG's MDW/1752 software provided Mindspeed with a low cost solution that has greatly simplified our Material Declaration Management process" said Cynthia Ong, Program Manager at Mindspeed, Inc. "With MDW/1752, we can generate 1752 Material Declarations for our customers

instantly. This capability has enabled us to rapidly respond to our customers' RoHS material declaration requirements and demands".

MDW/1752 substantially reduces the time, cost, and risk associated with RoHS compliance in the EU, China, Japan, and other geographies. It fits perfectly within any company's Compliance Assurance System (CAS) and provides an easily-understood vehicle for addressing customer and enforcement-agency audits.

MDW/1752 is also being released by resellers in Japan and Australia/New Zealand. For more information, please visit www.goodbyechain.com or contact info@goodbyechain.com; +1 888 422 4246, x89.

The GoodBye Chain Group

Originally focused on assisting companies to turn their waste streams into revenue streams, the GoodBye Chain Group (GCG) has specialized in RoHS and WEEE consulting for nearly four years. GCG works primarily with SMEs, although it has several multi-billion dollar customers who equally rely on its breadth of industry knowledge and depth of compliance experience. GCG consultants have served on the IPC 1752 Working Group and the iNEMI Material Declaration Working Group. They have also provided RoHS trainings in China, Australia, and Mexico, as well as in the US. GCG was the only company invited to attend and speak at an EU stakeholder meeting on the Integrated Product Policy. GCG also provides audits, consulting, and training for WEEE, EuP, Design for Environment, ISO 14001, and RoHS Compliance Assurance Systems (CAS).

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