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Linear Broadens Technology Offerings with Z-Wave

Leveraging the innovation of the wireless RF mesh technology, Linear's portfolio now adds versatile Z-Wave products for dealers and OEM partners seeking intelligent wireless control solutions for commercial and residential environments

Carlsbad, CA – January 22, 2013 – Linear LLC, a leader in residential and commercial access control, emergency response and security solutions, announces the addition of Z-Wave products to its innovative line of wireless residential and commercial offerings. As a result of purchasing certain assets from Advanced Control Technologies, Inc., Linear will begin to manufacture, sell and distribute a Z-Wave product line, which is a major step towards unifying appliances, lighting, other security systems, and more, into an integrated wireless network.

With a rich history of RF development, Linear has been at the forefront of wireless security and access control development for decades. The addition of Z-Wave products furthers this pursuit by giving Linear customer's access to a widely adopted wireless mesh protocol that is easy-to-install, modular, affordable and intelligent. The Z-Wave standard has been embraced by a variety of industries including: telecommunications, security, hospitality, light commercial and residential systems integration; areas in which Linear has been a leader for decades. The investment in developing a Z-wave product line broadens Linear's reach by introducing smart product offerings to meet the demands of an increasingly wireless lifestyle.

"The adoption of Z-Wave is a significant step forward for Linear since it allows us to immediately upgrade our smart control offerings while bringing a whole new level of innovation and intelligence to our customers and dealers," said Duane Paulson, senior vice president of product and market development. "Linear's existing line of health and wellness, security and access control products will benefit from the interoperability Z-Wave brings, allowing us to build a unified platform architecture for both residential and institutional segments."

Z-Wave is an international wireless standard for intelligent, interoperable, low-power, RF mesh networking technology. This powerful smart chip and compact protocol enable two-way RF communications amongst Z-Wave enabled devices, thus allowing products and services from



multiple manufacturers to work seamlessly. Z-Wave continues to be the technology of choice for industry leaders representing: Home Automation, Remote Home/Health Monitoring, Home Entertainment, Smart Home Control, Energy Management and Connected Home Services. Z-Wave enabled products represent the world's largest ecosystem of interoperable smart products.

For more information about Linear LLC, please visit www.linearcorp.com or call 1-800-421-1587. Linear can also be found on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Linear LLC

For over 50 years, Linear LLC has been an innovator in the security market. Linear's legacy includes the early application of passive infrared detection and radio frequency (RF) transmission, technologies that revolutionized the wireless security and access control industries. Today, Linear delivers class-leading wired and wireless products into a variety of markets serving the access control, security and home technology needs of its customers. Linear continues to expand its product and engineering prowess, leveraging the knowledge gained from strategic acquisitions and custom product development which will help lead the company into the next 50 years. To learn more, visit www.linearcorp.com.

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