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Etymotic Research Announces the Companion Mics™ System, a Multi-Talker Noise Reduction System—Enables people to understand conversations in noisy environments

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, Ill. — June 4, 2007 — Etymotic Research Inc., the world leader in high-fidelity noise-isolating in-the-ear earphones, has launched the Companion Mics system, a breakthrough communication tool. Developed to help those who have difficulty understanding conversations in noisy environments—such as restaurants, social gatherings, medical offices and hospitals, conference rooms, automobiles, airplanes and public places – the Companion Mics system lets a hard-of-hearing person to converse normally with up to three people.

“Our quality of life depends to a great extent on our ability to communicate with family, friends, business colleagues, and medical and other service professionals,” said Mead Killion, Ph.D., founder and president of Etymotic Research. “The Companion Mics system enables people who were excluded from conversation in noisy places to participate fully in social, business and commerce situations. People have been looking for something like this for a long time. The Companion Mics system is unique, unlike anything else on the market today, and as such it fulfills an important need.”

Convenient, effective and easy to use

The Companion Mics system establishes a direct communication line between the talkers’ microphones and the listener’s receiver, bypassing the noise and reverberation of most large rooms. The microphones reduce noise by 10-to-one, making it easier for listeners to focus on and understand conversations with their companions.

All Companion Mics users wear around their necks compact pendants about the size of a mini iPod player; the listener attaches comfortable Etymotic noise-isolating earphones to tune in to up to three people speaking, simultaneously. Indoors, the suggested operating distance is 15 to 20 feet; under line-of-sight conditions outdoors, the units might operate over greater distances.

The Companion Mics system, the result of 14 years of development by the sound and hearing experts at Etymotic Research, is based on an innovative wireless noise reduction technology. Similar to the technology used by digital cordless phones, the Etymotic technology uses a frequency-hopping technique that jumps quickly from frequency to frequency to avoid interference from other devices on the 2.4 GHz band (e.g., digital cordless phones, microwave ovens, other Companion Mics systems in the area). Ten or more sets of Companion Mics systems can operate in the same room with little audible interference.

Price and availability

The Companion Mics system is available now directly from Etymotic Research (www.etymotic.com) and hearing professionals. The retail price for a system of one listener unit and three talker units, plus one pair of Etymotic 6i Isolator™ Earphones, carrying case, charging case, AC adapter and user guide, is \$1100.

About Etymotic Research Inc.

Etymotic Research is the world leader in high-fidelity

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