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## **Large-scale integrated Galileo/GPS Receiver Chipset for Consumer Market ,Made in Bavaria'**

**Poing, Germany – Today, satellite based technology is pervading many areas of daily life. The European Union (EU) estimates the consumer market potential of satellite navigation particularly with respect to the future European satellite navigation system GALILEO at 270 billion Euro up to the year 2015.**

Under leadership of **IfEN GmbH** in Poing a Bavarian consortium has been formed, which is composed of **Infineon Technologies AG** in Munich, the **Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Circuits IIS** in Erlangen, the **Institute of Geodesy and Navigation of the University FAF Munich** and the **Institute of Technical Electronics of the University Erlangen-Nuremberg**, to develop the **first worldwide combined GALILEO/GPS receiver chipset** for the consumer market. The corresponding cooperation contract was recently signed by all consortium members.

The aim of the consortium is the development of a large-scale integrated GALILEO/GPS receiver chipset for the free-access and free-of-charge open service of the future European satellite navigation system GALILEO in combination with the American GPS. The chipset is designed to equip a broad spectrum of new products of the areas telecommunications, consumer and automotive electronics as well as mobile computers (PDA) with location information.

The project is partially funded by the Bavarian Ministry for Economic Affairs, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology in the scope of the innovation policy of Bavaria.

The European Commission Transport Council and the Council at Ministerial Level of the European Space Agency ESA has given green light for setting up the European satellite navigation system GALILEO on May 26, 2003, and on March 26, 2002, respectively. The Bavarian Ministry for Economic Affairs, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology supports these satellite navigation activities with the application center in Oberpfaffenhofen (incubator), by funding various projects and with a network of science and medium-sized enterprises (Merkatopark).

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