3M and Quanta Computer Promote 3M Projected Capacitive Technology Touchscreen Applications for the Consumer Market

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- Both companies bring broad range of capabilities and manufacturing savvy, useful for development of multi-touch technology for a variety of consumer form factors and applications -

LAS VEGAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Today at the Consumer Electronics Show 2011, 3M and Quanta Computer promoted 3M Projected Capacitive Technology (3M PCT) designed specifically for consumer electronics devices. The two companies also announced their intent to continue to collaborate on a broad basis, targeting all market segments, with a focus on consumer electronics products.

During 2011, 3M is continuing its development of 3M PCT, which Quanta may use for notebook, netbook, tablet and all-in-one PC platforms. 3M PCT multi-touch technology is currently one of the only multi-touch solutions made by a leading manufacturer that can register more than 10 simultaneous touch events with a 6-millisecond response time, making it one of the most accurate and robust solutions available to users. Based in Taiwan, Quanta is a leading original design manufacturer with a reputation for high quality and leading platforms.

"Quanta is excited about the possibility of developing new consumer products, which incorporate the latest in multi-touch capabilities, and we feel the 3M PCT platform best enables multi-touch consumer applications," said C.C. Leung, founder and vice chairman, Quanta Computer. "We want to continue working with 3M to provide multi-touch solutions for the whole touchscreen display, using 3M materials, electronics and sensor design, and have internal capabilities to tailor the system to meet individual OEM needs. This, coupled with our fast and efficient supply chains, would provide a compelling platform for our customers."

3M is a global leader in research and development, producing thousands of products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M Touch Systems provides innovative touch solutions – from touchscreen electronics to firmware and software to sensors – that incorporate finger and stylus input along with superior light transmission and color neutrality, as well as proven leadership in touch response time and gesture input.

"3M continues to establish 3M PCT as the multi-touch standard across a variety of enterprise and consumer applications," said Voyl Divljakovic, 3M vice president and general manager, Electronic Solutions Division. "We continue to bring together the strengths of 3M technology platforms and embody the 3M methodology of closely working with our customers – like Quanta – to develop and create solutions that result in products that work to address the desires of end users in new and exciting ways."

About 3M

A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M’s core strength is applying its more than 40 distinct technology platforms — often in combination — to a wide array of customer needs. With $23 billion in sales, 3M employs 75,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 65 countries. For more information, visit www.3m.com or follow @3MNews on Twitter.

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About 3M Touch Systems Inc.

3M Touch Systems Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of 3M and provider of innovative touchscreen solutions, provides innovative touchscreen technology products to customers worldwide under the “3M” and “MicroTouch” brands. Popular single-touch and multi-touch applications include casino gaming, foodservice, hospitality, industrial, interactive digital signage, healthcare, retail point of sale and self-service.

3M Touch Systems operates globally and reports through 3M Electro and Communications Business, headquartered in Austin, TX. For more information about 3M Touch Systems and MicroTouch products, visit www.3M.com/touch01. For an overview of popular touch technologies and terminology, visit www.touchtopics.com.

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About Quanta Computer

Quanta Computer is a Fortune Global 500 Company that is regarded as the world’s largest manufacturer for notebook computers and other PC related products. Quanta provides innovative products with leading technology that range from information, communication, networking, consumer electronics, and car electronics to storage. Founded in 1988, Quanta Computer is headquartered in Taiwan with major operation facilities set up in Asia, Canada, North America, South America, and Europe. Quanta Group currently employs over 65,000 employees worldwide with consolidated revenues topped US$26.7 billion for fiscal year 2009. For further information, please visit Quanta Computer’s Website at www.quantatw.com/.

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