

Epson Selects Fonix Text-to-Speech Technology for New Semiconductor Chip

Cost-effective solution for adding speech synthesis to embedded and portable devices

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (April 17, 2007) Fonix Speech, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Fonix Corporation (OTC BB: FNIX) specializing in embedded speech interfaces for mobile devices, handheld electronic products, video game systems and processors, announces Fonix text-to-speech (TTS) technology on a new semiconductor chip manufactured and sold by Seiko Epson Corporation (“Epson”), a worldwide provider of information-related equipment.

Epson’s newest semiconductor chip, the S1V30120, is a companion chip that converts text-based characters into synthetic speech. The chip features Fonix DECtalk® TTS, Fonix’s leading TTS solution optimized for embedded and limited memory applications. DECtalk offers multiple languages and ‘speaks’ words and phrases in nine understandable synthetic voices. Target applications include a wide range of voice-driven devices and systems such as mobile phones, portable media devices, home appliances, office/industrial equipment, and assistive and other handheld devices. Fonix will receive licensing fees.

“Epson is pleased to introduce our new Fonix-enabled speech synthesis chip into our line of semiconductor products for equipment and device manufacturers,” says Yasutoshi Takizawa of Epson. “The combination of Epson technology and Fonix TTS provides a powerful development platform for which to develop devices and systems that incorporate speech interfaces. Epson chose Fonix text-to-speech because it uses little device memory, is clear and easy for users to understand and because of our long-standing, positive relationship with Fonix Corporation.”

Key features of the S1V30120 include:

- Fonix text-to-speech
 - Fonix DECtalk fully parametric speech synthesis with improvements in voice quality
 - Multiple languages – US English, Castilian and Latin American Spanish
 - Nine TTS voices for each language (four male, four female, one child)
 - Sampling rate: 11.025kHz
- Audio playback (ADPCM)
 - ADPCM decoding (in Epson’s original format)
 - Bit rate: 80kbps, 64kbps, 48kbps, 32kbps, 24kbps
 - Sampling rates: 16kHz, 8kHz

Developers interested in Epson's new S1V30120 chip may contact Epson at the contact info below for product specs and purchasing information.

For more information about Fonix speech solutions, visit www.fonix.com, or call 801-553-6600 and say "Sales."

About Epson

Epson is a global leader in imaging products including printers, 3LCD projectors and small- and medium-sized LCDs. With an innovative and creative culture, Epson is dedicated to exceeding the vision and expectations of customers worldwide with products known for their superior quality, functionality, compactness and energy efficiency. Epson is a network of 102,025 employees in 120 companies around the world, and is proud of its ongoing contributions to the global environment and to the communities in which it is located. Led by the Japan-based Seiko Epson Corp., the Group had consolidated sales of 1549.5 billion yen in fiscal 2005.

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About Fonix

Fonix Corporation (OTC BB: FNIX), based in Salt Lake City, Utah, currently operates through its wholly owned subsidiary, Fonix Speech, Inc., an innovative speech recognition and text-to-speech technology company that provides value-added speech solutions. Fonix Speech offers voice solutions for mobile/wireless devices; interactive video games, toys and appliances; computer telephony systems; the assistive market and automotive telematics. Fonix Speech provides developers and manufacturers with cost-effective speech solutions to enhance devices and systems. Visit www.fonix.com for more information, or call (801) 553-6600 and say "Sales."

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