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Alpha Micro launches SAGEM HiLo^{NC} to UK

World First: the smallest GPRS SMT module available for M2M device integration



Alpha Micro Components, a leading international distributor of electronic components, today announces the SAGEM HiLo^{NC} module to its portfolio of networking products. The new component is the smallest of its kind and hosts a range of essential features for Machine-to-machine (M2M) applications and is ideal for use in the automotive and security markets.

The SAGEM HiLo^{NC} delivers the leading edge technology in the lightest, most compact package available with an exclusive SMT package. This is more flexible to the alternative Ball Grid Array (BGA) format. Its extensive feature set includes full quad band support, GPRS Class 10, voice, SMS, MMS, CSO and fax capability and integrated TCP/IP and UDP stacks.

Smaller than a postage stamp (24mm x 24 mm x 2.5mm) and weighing less than 2.8g, the new component is designed to withstand an operating temperature range of -40°C up to +85°C – the most extended on the market. The enhanced, rugged mechanical design is adapted to comply with industrial and automotive constraints making the HiLo^{NC} an extremely reliable component for use in the industrial M2M market. The module operates using minimal power consumption of <1.5 mA in standby mode and is designed to deliver an extended sensitivity level and longer

battery life which is essential in the world of battery-powered M2M electronic devices.

Christos Papakyriacou, managing director, Alpha Micro Components comments: "This strategic addition to our M2M portfolio responds to the increasing demand we're seeing for 'miniaturised' products. The introduction of the SAGEM HiLo^{NC} to our offering of embedded M2M solutions will open the door to those requiring reliable, efficient and affordable components for integrated devices, particularly in today's economic climate."

For more information please visit: <http://www.alphamicro.net/>

About Alpha Micro Components www.alphamicro.net

Founded in 1995, Alpha Micro is a successful independent specialist franchised distributor focusing on the M2M market servicing the Telecoms, Datacoms, Security, Electronic Point of Sale (EPoS) and Machine to Machine (M2M) sectors with components from world leading manufacturers, our franchised product lines include Lantronix, u-blox, Sagem, Meshnetics, Teridian Semiconductor and the company's own 'AMC' range - Alpha Micro has built an enviable reputation for product knowledge, customer service and innovation.

What really sets Alpha Micro apart from the competition is its design-based approach to distribution and it's in depth knowledge of the products and the markets it serves. Our current line card brings you the finest wireless and communications products and to get you started our engineering team offers the best available technical support.

About the M2M modules

M2M (machine to machine) modules allow machines to communicate with each other through wireless networks and without any human input, thus becoming intelligent. M2M modules can now be found in devices such as sales terminals and alarm systems.

The technology also facilitates remote management and data collection of machines and equipment in areas as varied as hire car fleets, security, health, the environment, office equipment...

About Sagem Communications

French, multinational, high technology company, Sagem Communications specialises in broadband communications and convergence in particular in the following areas: printing terminals, digital TV set-top boxes, broadband and residential terminals, communicating energy management solutions and telecom systems and partnerships.

The company is in a leadership position in these sectors thanks to its proven capacity for innovation. Sagem Communications aims to become a world leader in convergence and broadband terminals.

With a turnover of almost 1.3 billion euros, Sagem Communications employs 6,500 people on five continents and is headquartered in Paris.

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