



Digi-Key Corporation and AKM Semiconductor, Inc. Announce North American Distribution Agreement

THIEF RIVER FALLS, Minnesota and San Jose, California – Sep 17., 2010 – Electronic components distributor [Digi-Key Corporation](#), recognized by design engineers as having the industry's [broadest selection of electronic components](#) available for immediate shipment, and AKM Semiconductor, Inc, a leading provider of mixed-signal ICs for consumer, automotive, and communications applications, today announced the two companies have entered into an agreement in which Digi-Key will distribute AKM Semiconductor products to customers in North America.

AKM Semiconductor products are now available for purchase on Digi-Key's [US](#) and [Canadian](#) websites and will be featured in future print and online catalogs.

"We are pleased to announce this new distribution agreement with AKM Semiconductor" said Dave Doherty, Digi-Key's vice president of semiconductor product. "We are pleased to offer AKM's leading digital audio converters and devices for video processing, mobile communications, and optical networking to our engineering customers in North America."

"Adding Digi-Key as a key supplier of our product provides a great benefit to our customers that require fast service" said Lyle Knudson, AKM's vice president of sales and marketing. "The ability of a designer to have immediate access to our product portfolio is a key factor in turning new designs quickly."

Digi-Key Corporation focuses on providing customers with superior service, which includes product selection and availability, on-time delivery, and responsiveness. Using leading-edge processes and state-of-the-art technologies, Digi-Key serves a global customer base from its 600,000 square foot facility in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, USA.

About Digi-Key Corporation

As one of the world's fastest growing distributors of electronic components, Digi-Key Corporation has earned its reputation as an [industry leader](#) through its total commitment to service and performance. As a full-service provider of both prototype/design and production quantities of electronic components, Digi-Key has been [ranked #1 for Overall Performance for 18 consecutive years](#) from among the nation's more than 200 distributors (EE Times Distribution Study/August 2009). Offering more than 1.7 million products from more than 440 quality name-brand manufacturers, Digi-Key's commitment to inventory is unparalleled. Access to the company's broad product offering is available 24/7 at Digi-Key's top-rated website, www.digikey.com.

About AKM Semiconductor, Inc.

AKM Semiconductor is a wholly owned subsidiary of Asahi Kasei Microdevices (AKM), Tokyo, Japan. AKMS, located in San Jose, California offers sales, marketing, and design support for North American customers. AKM designs and manufactures CMOS mixed signal integrated circuits for applications including audio, multimedia, data storage, and telecommunications. North American headquarters are located at 1731 Technology Drive, Suite 500, San Jose, California 95110. For more information, visit www.akm.com.

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