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LIFEWARE: MEDIA CENTER EDITION TO CONTROL APRILAIRE THERMOSTATS IN NEXT GEN HOME

New home control software by Exceptional Innovation highlights CES

WESTERVILLE, Ohio January 5, 2005 – A few button clicks and visitors to the NextGen house at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas will be able to alter climate settings from the same Media Center remote control they use to experience digital music, movies, television and more - thanks to Exceptional Innovation's *Lifeware: Media Center Edition* and controllable thermostats by Aprilaire.

"An important part of the digital lifestyle is being able to check and adjust the temperature in your home whenever you want, even if you're watching a movie or listening to music," said Mike Seamons, Exceptional Innovation Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Our software combined with Aprilaire's communicating thermostats brings control over your home environment to a whole new level."

Lifeware: Media Center Edition software is seamlessly integrated into a Microsoft Media Center PC, giving the user instant and simple control over home lighting, security, climate, audio and camera systems from the Media Center PC they use to access and enjoy their digital media content. In the CES NextGen home, *Lifeware: Media Center Edition* will also control lighting, climate, security, cameras and audio..

"When you take our communicating thermostat and connect it to powerful software like *Lifeware: Media Center Edition*, you really refine your ability to control the climate in your home," said Jon Fischer, a marketing manager for Aprilaire. "Delivering this refinement in a simple, intuitive package is what makes this solution unique."

According to Seale Moorer, one of Exceptional Innovation's founders, that is exactly why *Lifeware: Media Center Edition* was created.

"With all of the new ways to access, organize and enjoy digital media, the next natural step is to be able to control thermostats and other devices in your home with the same remote," Moorer said. "By converging these two worlds together, we create software that really enhances the quality of your life."

Lifeware: Media Center Edition is expected to be available to the public in Q2, 2005.

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About Exceptional Innovation

Based in Westerville, Ohio, Exceptional Innovation is led by software industry professionals with extensive experience with distributed computing based on open standards and open architecture. Exceptional Innovation combines Microsoft development expertise with years of home automation experience to deliver simple, seamless, life-enhancing solutions for the digital home.

About Aprilaire

Aprilaire has been a brand leader in the indoor air quality industry since 1954, when it introduced the first evaporative, flow-through humidifier. Owned by Research Products Corporation, it offers the Aprilaire Intelligent Solutions for Indoor Environments – an integrated group of air-quality enhancement products designed to work with residential and light commercial heating and cooling systems. Aprilaire-brand products are sold through and installed by HVAC contractors across the United States and Canada.