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Logitech Announces High-End Wave Table Sound Board: SoundMan(TM) Wave

Includes Wave Table & FM Synthesizers, SoundBlaster(TM) & AdLib(R)
Compatibility, SCSI CD-ROM Interface, and Value-Added Software

Las Vegas, Nevada -- Logitech Inc., international market leader in products to "humanize" the computer, today announced SoundMan Wave, a 16-bit stereo card based on wave table synthesis. The product will be available through Logitech dealers and distributors in March for a suggested retail price of \$349.

Because leading-edge wave table technology uses true instrument recordings instead of computer-generated sounds, music used in games and multimedia applications sound more realistic. SoundMan Wave also includes a unique MIDI interpreter that allows users to hear wave table quality in many of today's most popular games such as X-Wing and 7th Guest. Logitech chose the Yamaha OPL-4 chip for synthesized sound to provide optimal sound quality and to ensure 100-percent SoundBlaster and AdLib compatibility.

"Wave table synthesis offers superior quality over FM synthesis," says David Pelton, Logitech product marketing manager. "SoundMan Wave is our latest commitment to bringing consumers a wide variety of high quality sound products." SoundMan Wave offers the highest sound quality available today with 44-wave table and FM voices; full SoundBlaster and AdLib compatibility; 16-bit or 8-bit stereo, or mono digital audio; 44 KHz sampling; MIDI support; a five-channel stereo mixer; a SCSI CD-ROM interface; and a variety of software titles.

Logitech enhanced the installation process by adding sound and graphics to SoundMan Wave's installation program. SoundMan Wave has no jumpers; users can install the product without having to set on-board options first. The installation software automatically selects the correct settings for the system.

SoundMan Wave supports both WindowsR 3.1 and DOS, with separate controls and drivers for each. Both drivers set and retain board settings and "talk" with each other, so the settings in one environment are the same as the other. Software applications bundled with SoundMan Wave include:

MCS MusicRackTM from AnimotionR: Features a convenient window that

looks and works like a home stereo system. Key features include a mixing console, a software CD player for CD-ROM drives with audio playback capabilities, a digital recorder for recording and editing .WAV files, and a MIDI player.

Recording SessionR by MidiSoftR: Record, edit, and play MIDI music with this powerful, easy-to-use program that displays musical files or performance as standard music notation in real time during recording and playback.

BeSTspeechR ReadOutTM from Berkeley Speech Technologies (BST) -- This Windows-based program allows the user to read back text from the clipboard and any OLE word processors or E-mail. Users can also read numbers from any OLE spreadsheet.

SoundMan AnnotatorTM from Voyetra: Allows users to annotate messages in any Windows OLE application.

Icon Hear-ItTM Lite from Moon ValleyTM: Personalizes the Windows desktop by adding sound effects and replacing regular icons with clever icons.

SoundMan Wave comes with a three-year warranty and seven-day-a-week technical support. System requirements include: an IBM PC/AT or compatible with a 386SX processor or higher, DOS 3.3 or higher, Windows 3.1 or higher, 640K RAM (4 megabytes recommended for Windows use), one 16-bit (full) slot, a hard drive, and speakers or headphones for output and a microphone or other audio device (e.g. CD player) for input.

A cable kit will be available separately for connecting internal or external CD-ROM drives purchased separately.

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