

## Multi-stream Capability for “Plug and Play” Devices

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Louisville, Colorado, November 13, 2006—Working in conjunction with various technology providers, CableLabs® has opened a streamlined process under which retail “Plug and Play” devices can receive multiple streams of programming from new multi-stream CableCARD™s (or M-Card™s). The CableLabs effort was supported by TiVo, Motorola, Digeo, Solekai, Digital Keystone, and ViXS.

The M-Card interface will allow multiple digital video streams to be decrypted simultaneously, even on unidirectional devices. Thus, a cable subscriber using an M-Card-enabled “Plug and Play” device can view one cable channel, while recording another. It is expected that DVR type devices will be the first to make use of the new multi-stream interface.

CableLabs has published new testing procedures to verify M-Card compatibility. In order to speed the availability of M-Cards for “Plug and Play” devices, CableLabs will begin offering verification testing of the multi-stream interface beginning with CableLabs Certification Wave 49 in January 2007. After initial verification, manufacturers may self-verify that their M-Card-enabled devices are compliant.

“Through the OpenCable™ testing and specification drafting process, CableLabs is uniquely able to bring the cable and consumer electronics industries together to produce innovative retail products,” said Richard R. Green, President and CEO of CableLabs. “Working cooperatively, our industries can delivery a better product for our mutual customers,” he added.

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