

BLANKOM Expands its Successful B-IRDs Receiver Series

Multi-format Receiver DRD696 – The Hawk – for IP Networks

PLAINSBORO, NJ, April 15, 2010 – Blankom USA, the U.S. arm of the Blankom group, Germany, one of the world's leading providers of cable headend solutions with more than 10,000 installed systems worldwide, announced today the introduction of its new multi-format receiver DRD696, named "The Hawk", another product of its successful B-IRDs receiver series.

Based on the success of its DVB-S2 Receiver DRD 694 BLANKOM has now complemented the DRD series with another receiver. The new DVB receiver DRD 696, the "Hawk", will also meet the additional requirements for signal transmission in an IP network. Front ends are available for receiving MPEG encoded transport streams in all DVB formats (DVB-S/S2, DVB-T, DVB-C). An IP front end is available as an option, so that the Hawk can also be used as an IP receiver.

In addition to the functionality of the DRD 694 such as IP streaming (MPTS) and Multi Service Decryption, the DRD696 provides service filtering for services that are not intended for further transmission in the MPEG encoded transport stream. The Hawk also meets the additional requirement of SPTS streaming. The configuration of the DRD 696 allows demultiplexing of the received transport stream with a subsequent IP address allocation for every single service. In this way, each service can be sent to the IP-box of the subscriber packed into a UDP or RTP as SPTS stream.

"Our customers are very happy to have now a highly reliable multi-format receiver from a proven supplier," said Gerhard Franz, president of Blankom USA. "The functionality of the DRD696 can be used in many different applications and is particularly well suited for IP-based video transport."

About Blankom USA

Blankom USA, the U.S. arm of the Blankom group, Germany, provides digital headend products for cable operators and broadcasters. Blankom Antennentechnik, GmbH, founded in 1919, together with its sister company Blankom Digital GmbH, is one of the world's leading suppliers of digital video distribution products, specializing in digital headend systems used by the world's cable operators and broadcasters. Blankom has more than 10,000 headend systems installed worldwide and is an ISO 9001 certified company.

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