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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RULES IN FAVOR OF KNOWLES ON THE ISSUE OF PATENT INFRINGEMENT BY ANALOG DEVICES, INC.

Washington, DC, March 25, 2010 -- Knowles Electronics announced today that Judge Rogers of the International Trade Commission (ITC) issued his Initial Determination in which he found that Knowles was likely to succeed in showing that its patents cover Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI) MEMS microphone products.

Jeffrey Niew, President and CEO of Knowles Electronics, stated, "The Judge made the right decision by ruling in favor of Knowles Electronics on the infringement issue. This ruling is consistent with our view of the merits of this case."

A hearing is set for July 7th of this year, in which the ITC will more closely review all of the issues raised in this matter and decide if ADI's accused products may be imported into the United States. Judge Rogers denied Knowles' request for a Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO) in part because of his finding of a lack of irreparable harm for the expedited relief sought by Knowles. Mike Adell, VP and General Manager of Knowles, commented, "We believe the Judge has ruled narrowly with respect to some issues. However, the Judge's ruling is not dispositive of what we believe will be the final outcome in this case, namely, a finding that ADI's microphone packages infringe upon Knowles' patents, and that those patents are in fact, valid."

About Knowles

Founded over 60 years ago, Knowles is the leading designer and manufacturer of advanced acoustic components. In addition to being the market leader for components to the global hearing aid industry, Knowles is also the leading provider of MEMS surface mount microphones to major cell phone brands and consumer electronic devices the world over. For more information visit the Knowles website at www.knowles.com or call 1-630-250-5100.

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