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NMEA ANNOUNCES NMEA 2000® CERTIFIED PRODUCTS FROM MARETRON

SEVERNA PARK, Md. (October 15, 2004) – The National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) announced that three new Maretron products are now NMEA 2000® Certified. NMEA 2000® newly certified equipment from Maretron includes the DST100 Smart™ Retractable Depth/Speed/Temperature Transducer, the GPS100 antenna/receiver, and the N2KMeter.

Maretron designs, manufactures and markets marine electronic instrumentation for recreational and commercial boating. The DST100 Smart™ Retractable Depth/Speed/Temperature Transducer with NMEA 2000® network connectivity delivers precise digital depth, accurate speed and exact water temperature at speeds of more than 40 knots without the need for programming or calibration. The GPS100 antenna/receiver is a plug-and-play device that provides reliable position fixes 10 times per second, accurate boat speed four times per second, and precision time once per second. It will directly connect to any NMEA 2000® network and communicate with navigational software, chart plotters, autopilots and dedicated instrument displays. The N2KMeter is a diagnostic tool for NMEA 2000® networks that allows users to validate NMEA 2000® network compatibility and operations during installation of a device or complete system, and diagnose possible network flaws that can occur on an operational network.

“Certification of these products is a significant milestone for Maretron as these are the very first marine products for us to bring to market,” said Larry Anderson, VP of sales and marketing at Maretron. “Our entire strategy for entering the marine electronics market is based on our enthusiasm and commitment to being an important part of the next technological wave, NMEA 2000® open network. We believe once the boating public discovers the huge advantages and benefits of NMEA 2000®, Maretron will be in position to help supply that demand.”

About NMEA

Founded in 1957, the NMEA is an internationally recognized trade association of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, sales representatives and other professionals in the marine electronics field. Among its achievements, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol, NMEA 2000 and certification standards for marine electronics technicians. For more information, visit the NMEA Web site at www.nmea.org or call (410) 975-9425.

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About Maretron

Maretron's products are designed to the open industry NMEA 2000 standard, which allows electronic equipment from diverse manufacturers to be networked together to share information throughout the vessel. Maretron's true plug-and-play environment seamlessly integrates instrumentation electronics including desktop or laptop computer-based navigational software, GPS receivers, electronic compasses, depth, speed, and wind transducers while greatly reducing wiring complexity and increasing reliability over that of the older NMEA 0183 standard. Further information about Maretron is available at www.maretron.com.

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