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Matrox announces the new Extio F1420

Remote Graphics Unit delivers unprecedented quad output, audio, USB, and FireWire support

Montreal, Canada, April 24, 2006 — Matrox Graphics Inc., the leading manufacturer of graphics solutions for professionals, is pleased to announce the new Matrox Extio™ F1420. This multi-display solution is an external unit that links remotely to the PC over fiber optic cable at distances of up to 250 meters (820 feet). The Matrox Extio F1420 can conveniently connect four digital or analog monitors while providing audio, USB, and FireWire support. These unique functionalities allow for better workspace management, enhanced productivity and a dramatically improved work environment due to reduced PC noise.



"The Matrox Extio F1420 enables a new physical layout for computer systems," says Caroline Injoyan, business development manager, Matrox Graphics. "The Extio F1420's ability to support USB and FireWire devices - while delivering superb multi-monitor support across a four monitor workstation - gives professionals the flexibility to remove the noisy PC outside the broadcasting, post-production or sound recording studio to create a quieter, more productive work environment."

The Matrox Extio F1420, along with the connected PCI or PCI Express (PCIe) interface card¹ located in the host PC, are fanless hardware components perfect for quiet work environments. The Matrox Extio F1420 is outfitted with a Matrox-designed graphics chip armed with 128MB of graphics memory, a dual-LC connector for fiber optic cable, four DVI-I monitor connectors, six USB 2.0 ports (four in front, two in back), two IEEE 1394 FireWire ports, integrated audio hardware, an optical connector for digital audio output, and analog stereo-audio connectors for a microphone input, line input and line output. The Matrox Extio F1420 also features Matrox's signature quad digital and analog feature set including support for up to 1600 x 1200 quad resolution. Bundled software for the Matrox Extio F1420 includes the Matrox PowerDesk-SE suite, an intuitive interface with unique desktop management features, and display drivers for Microsoft® Windows® XP X64 (64-bit), Windows® XP, Windows® Server 2003, and Windows® 2000.

Availability and pricing

Matrox Extio F1420 will be available in the third quarter of 2006. For pricing and other sales information, call 1-800-361-1408 (North America) or e-mail insales@matrox.com.

About Matrox Graphics Inc.

Matrox Graphics Inc. is the leading manufacturer of graphics solutions for professionals and has been delivering high-quality, innovative 2D/3D, and video graphics accelerators for more than a quarter century. Creator of the multi-display phenomenon, Matrox combines its proven graphics chip designs, reliable software, and dependable card manufacturing expertise to produce products that are reputed worldwide for their superior image quality, practical ingenuity, and unwavering stability. Matrox Graphics designs and supports graphics solutions optimized for utility, empowering professionals to see more and do more. A privately held company headquartered in Montreal, Canada, Matrox has international offices in the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Italy, and Hong Kong. For more information, visit www.matrox.com/graphics.

¹ To meet different slot requirements, PCI or PCI Express fiber optic interface cards are sold separately.