



October 15, 2008– Cleary Gull Inc. advises The Hampshire Company, Inc. in its sale to Microchip Technology Inc.

Cleary Gull Inc. is pleased to announce the sale of The Hampshire Company, Inc. to Microchip Technology Inc. Based in Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Hampshire Company is a leader in the large-format, touch screen controller market. Microchip is based in Chandler, Arizona and is a leading provider of microcontroller and analog semiconductors. Cleary Gull acted as exclusive financial advisor to The Hampshire Company.

Hampshire is a leader in high-quality universal touch screen controller electronics along with best-of-class application support and driver-interface software technology. Hampshire solutions supply high performance decoding for all analog resistive and surface capacitive touch screens, regardless of manufacturer, technology or construction.

Microchip Technology Inc. (NASDAQ: [MCHP](#)) is a leading provider of microcontroller and analog semiconductors, providing low-risk product development, lower total system cost and faster time to market for thousands of diverse customer applications worldwide. Microchip offers technical support along with dependable delivery and quality.

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