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**Test Spectrum Expands Product Line to Include
SerDes Test Development**

Austin, TX – October, 2001 – Test Spectrum today announced the successful completion of test development initiatives involving Serializer/Deserializer (SerDes) chip technology. SerDes technology is rapidly evolving as a critical component of Gigabit Ethernet protocol as defined by several industry standards. Applications such as medical imaging, data warehousing, group collaboration and 3D imaging have driven the need for faster speed through Internet, LAN, and InfiniBand^(SM) environments. With this need for increased speed comes the complex problem of designing test software and hardware for chips that can rapidly switch between internal networking system components such as line cards and switch fabric cards and between systems. These chips enable the smooth transition of data resulting in increased speed and information access. Test Spectrum has developed several test solutions with a major ATE vendor to support the SerDes technology, resulting in added benefits to its customers and the semiconductor industry. Brian Page, Test Spectrum's Chief Technical Officer stated; "SerDes technology is yet another evolutionary step in the desire for increased speed and reduced pin count within the semiconductor marketplace. Test Spectrum's ability to develop state of the art test programs for this technology continues to keep us on the leading edge and in front of our competitors. Staying ahead of the technology

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power curve is how we have formed valuable partnerships with our customers and we will continue to evolve our technology with that of our customers.” Test Spectrum has recently received multiple SerDes test development contracts and will be promoting its SerDes test development offering at the Fabless Semiconductor Expo in Santa Clara, CA on October 10th – 11th.

Established in June, 1999, Test Spectrum Inc. serves the semiconductor industry by creating test software and hardware design solutions for the Automated Test Equipment (ATE) market space. Test Spectrum specializes in mixed-signal and high-end digital test solutions. Test Spectrum’s software products include, new product test programs, characterization programs, test program optimization and platform conversion, and custom software applications. The company also provides turnkey test hardware including the design, fabrication and assembly of loadboards, DUT cards, and probe cards. The company’s focus is creating cost effective turnkey technical solutions for both outsourced and captive test software and hardware needs within the semiconductor marketplace. Test Spectrum is headquartered in Austin, TX and supports customers worldwide. Visit their website at www.testspectrum.com.

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