

Devices in a surveillance solution that enables audio and video recording, as well as remote viewing, recording and playback over a secure IP network.

China-based Avinfo, which provides networked multimedia-management solutions for remote monitoring and security surveillance, says it chose Blackfin for its blend of competitive price/performance, integrated peripherals, and ease of development. One particularly interesting claim made by Avinfo is that its network DVR can notify the police of intruders via the Internet.

#### FRAM passes auto stress test

Ramtron International's FM24CL16 16kbit, 3V, serial FRAM memory device is now qualified to AEC-Q100 (Automotive Electronic Council's Stress Test Qualification for Integrated Circuits) standards. The company plans to grow a broad line of AEC-Q100-qualified FRAM products to meet the design challenges of the automotive market. Ramtron is a developer and supplier of non-volatile, ferroelectric, random-



access-memory and integrated semiconductor products.

#### Mixed-signal ICs look to the Galaxy

**Edinburgh, Scotland:** Synopsys' Galaxy Design and Discovery Verification Platforms, as well as its DesignWare Library intellectual property (IP), were tapped by Wolfson Microelectronics for the design and verification of its analog mixed-signal ICs.

Wolfson designs ICs for use in MP3 players, digital cameras, game consoles, digital TVs, sound systems, and many other applications. The ICs target consumer products that must meet low area and power requirements and be cost-effective in a highly competitive market.

#### Partners in power

**Milan, Italy:** U.S. firm PowerOne and UR Holding signed a European distribution agreement to promote selected products in the power-conversion market in specific European territories.

An important technology driver for the partnership is PowerOne's Z-Series. It is able to integrate power conversion, control, and communications using the company's proprietary Z-One Digital Power Management Architecture. ■

Bill Yeates, CEO of Power-One



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