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KRUNE® Launches World's First 10-Gigabit UTP Cabling System

CENTENNIAL, Colo., (March 30, 2004) - The KRUNE Group introduces the world's first augmented Category 6 structured cabling system with the necessary characteristics to enable 10-gigabit per second Ethernet transmission over a full 100 meters. This new end-to-end suite of cable and connector products called **CopperTen™** is the result of KRUNE's technological breakthrough first announced last November at the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Category 6 systems use unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable, the most prolific type of enterprise network cabling in the world. UTP based systems are easier to install and typically more economical than shielded or fiber-optic based networks. However, at higher frequencies these cabling systems are hindered by the technical combination of insertion loss and alien crosstalk (interference from adjacent cables). Alien crosstalk greatly disrupts transmission and high-speed data communications. KRUNE's CopperTen system incorporates patent-pending design and manufacturing processes that enable the products to overcome these challenges.

As a result, KRUNE guarantees CopperTen systems will have the available capacity that is greater than or equal to 18-gigabits per second. In addition to this significant increase in bandwidth, all CopperTen products exceed the established TIA and ISO requirements for Category 6 structured cabling systems.

CopperTen was a collaborative development between KRONE's global R&D centers in the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Australia. Information regarding CopperTen products is available through any one of more than ninety sales offices worldwide.

About KRONE

KRONE is a world leading cable and connectivity company with more than 75 years of experience in the design, development and supply of fiber optic and copper cable and connectivity solutions for enterprise and public networks. Additional information about KRONE's CopperTen Structured Cabling System or other KRONE products is available in the United States and Canada via telephone: 800-775-5766, or online at the KRONE Web site www.krone.com.