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**METHODE DATAMATE PRODUCTS INTRODUCES ITS NEW
SMART DAC – DIRECT ATTACH CABLE PRODUCT LINE**

Chicago, IL - dataMate Products, a division of Methode Electronics, Inc., has announced the introduction of its new Smart DAC-Direct Attach Cable product line as an on-going expansion of its line of high speed over copper data transfer solutions. The Smart DAC offers a quick, cost-effective means of connecting point-to-point in high-speed data transfer networks.

The Smart DAC replaces very costly optical modules with a significantly lower cost per connection point solution. The cost savings, estimated at up to 50% per connection, would save OEMs, integrators and end users hundreds of dollars per connection. The cables operate at up to a 10 Gig data rate. Standard product is available in active XFP to active XFP, active XFP to passive SFP+, and passive SFP+ to passive SFP+ configurations. Standard length cables of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 meters are immediately available. Custom lengths or configurations to meet customer specific applications are also available from dataMate.

For more information on the Smart DAC product line or any of dataMate's other high-speed copper solutions, please visit dataMate's new website at www.datamateproducts.com, or contact: dataMate Products, 7401 West Wilson Ave., Chicago, IL 60706. Phone: 708-867-6777. Fax: 708-867-3149. Email: datamate@methode.com.

dataMate Products is a leading manufacturer of 1Gigabit to 10 Gigabit Ethernet products, computer I/O terminators and interconnect circuits, computer peripheral adapters, SCSI testers, and SCSI signal repeaters. All products benefit from sophisticated CAD/CAE electrical and mechanical design techniques, and from Methode's considerable manufacturing expertise. dataMate is located in Chicago, IL.

Methode Electronics, Inc. (NYSE: MEI) is a global designer and manufacturer of electro-mechanical devices with manufacturing, design and testing facilities in the United States, Malta, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Czech Republic, China, Singapore, the Philippines and India. We design, manufacture and market devices employing electrical, electronic, wireless, radio remote control, sensing and optical technologies to control and convey signals through sensors, interconnections and controls. Our business is managed on a segment basis, with those segments being Automotive, Interconnect, Power Products and Other. Our components are in the primary end markets of the automobile, computer, information processing and networking equipment, voice and data communication systems, consumer electronics, appliances, aerospace vehicles and industrial equipment industries. Further information can be found on Methode's Web site www.methode.com.

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