CLEAR-COM ANNOUNCES NEW HELIXNET NETWORK LINKING AT PROLIGHT + SOUND 2013
Extended Digital Partyline Communications Offer More Capabilities and Options

FRANKFURT, APRIL 11, 2013 ─ **Clear-Com**®, a global leader in critical voice communications systems, will unveil **version 1.1 of the HelixNet™ Partyline Intercom System** to the live sound community at Prolight + Sound 2013 (Hall 8.0, Stand L51). Included in this new product release is a system-linking capability, allowing users to cost-effectively and efficiently extend their digital partyline intercom communications over a network to multiple production spaces.

The **HelixNet Partyline Intercom System** is the industry's leading digital network partyline intercom, combining the simplicity of a traditional analog partyline intercom with the advanced network management capabilities of a matrix intercom. Because it uses a single-pair shielded cable for supporting all audio channels, program audio and power for beltpacks, it is ideal for live sound applications that require quick setup and configuration.

Expanded functionality under version 1.1 includes the ability to link up to five HMS-4X Main Stations via Ethernet and support up to 100 HBP-2X Digital Beltpacks to build larger and more sophisticated partyline intercom systems. With the linking function, users significantly expand the channel count on their intercoms. They can now select from up to 20 partyline channels and five programs by simply dialing up the channels they need on their beltpack. Since all these channels are running off a single mic cable, users no longer need to physically re-locate several cables for new configurations, utilize expensive source-assign equipment, or rely on multiple power supply units.

Up to five Main Stations are connected via the new **HLI-ET2 Ethernet Module** in HelixNet's station-to-station networking. The Main Stations can connect directly over fiber or through a LAN using standard IT switches. A new **HLI-FBS Fiber Module** is also available for linking stations over long distances. The Fiber Module has two fiber ports using SFP modules for simple exchange of fiber transceivers. It also allows linking to four other Main Stations in a fiber daisy-chain. The standard connection is Single-Mode, with Multi-Mode offered as an option.

"With HelixNet Partyline 1.1, production teams are able to take advantage of a decentralized, distributed intercom architecture in a theater or concert venue," says Simon Browne, Clear-Com's Director of Product Management. "Regardless of their location, electricians, stage managers, carpenters, lighting and audio technicians and any other digital or analog beltpack user can utilize HelixNet over an IP connection to quickly connect and communicate to other crew members. On top of this improvement in workflow, this new version of HelixNet easily integrates with other wireless or two-wire systems to create a complete intercom setup. "

About Clear-Com®

Clear-Com, an HME company, is a global provider in professional voice communications systems since 1968. We develop and market proven intercom technologies such as Analog & Digital Partyline, Digital Matrix, Wireless and Intercom-over-IP systems for critical communication applications in broadcast, performance venues, military, government and enterprise markets. Recognized for our legacy of intercom innovations, production teams around the world have come to depend on Clear-Com for clear, reliable and scalable communications solutions. For more information, please visit www.clearcom.com.

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