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KÜHL WHEELS TECHNOLOGY PATENT ISSUED

Los Gatos, CA – Epilogics is pleased to announce that U.S. Patent Number 6,042,194 was issued on March 28, 2000 for its invention of the stamped Kühl Wheel center. This utility patent claims the Epilogics-developed technology to produce low-cost wheel centers for high volume OEM applications.

The patented Kühl Wheels technology saves weight with a unique spider (center section) design comprised of a series of spokes with a rectangular cross section. Utilizing standard steel rims, Kühl Wheel prototypes weighed in at 20% less than conventional steel wheels. In motion, the center section, or spider, seems to disappear due to its airy design. This arrangement also offers greater flexibility in wheel trim design over conventional steel wheels.

Hayes Lemmerz International licensed the Kühl Wheels technology in 1999 and has developed prototype wheels for evaluation by its OEM customers. Also in 1999, a Kühl Wheel design was developed under contract to Fiat Auto for evaluation on the Punto model.

Founded in 1988, The Epilogics Group develops products based on proprietary, patented technologies, and licenses these technologies to manufacturers in the automotive industry. Epilogics is seeking additional licensees to commercialize its Kühl Wheels technology.