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CLASS II PERMISSIVE CHANGE RF EXPOSURE REPORT

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1. ATTESTATION OF TEST RESULTS

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MODEL: MC8790


APPLICABLE STANDARDS	
STANDARD	TEST RESULTS
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Compliance Certification Services, Inc. (CCS) calculated the RF Exposure of the above equipment in accordance with the requirements set forth in the above standards, using test results reported in the test report documents referenced below and/or documentation furnished by the applicant. All indications of Pass/Fail in this report are opinions expressed by CCS based on interpretations of these calculations. The results show that the equipment is capable of demonstrating compliance with the requirements as documented in this report.

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2. METHODOLOGY

All calculations were made in accordance with FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01 and IC Safety Code 6.

3. REFERENCES

Worst-case power, antenna gain and duty cycle data is excerpted from the Sierra Wireless RF Exposure report applicable to model MC8790 for the WAN module operating in the 850 and 1900 MHz bands.

Worst-case power and antenna gain data is excerpted from Max Light Technology report number MLT0504P15006 for the WLAN module operating in the 2.4 GHz band.

4. FACILITIES AND ACCREDITATION

The test sites and measurement facilities used to collect data are located at 47173 Benicia Street, Fremont, California, USA.

CCS is accredited by NVLAP, Laboratory Code 200065-0. The full scope of accreditation can be viewed at <http://www.ccsemc.com>.

5. EUT DESCRIPTION

5.1. DESCRIPTION OF EUT

The EUT is a wireless modem radio module operating in the 850 MHz Cellular and 1900 MHz PCS bands.

5.2. DESCRIPTION OF CLASS II PERMISSIVE CHANGE

The EUT will be colocated with a WLAN radio module, Compex, Inc. models iWavePort WLM54G 1A and/or iWavePort WLM54G 1B, FCC ID: MK8CPX-05-WLM54G, operating in the 2.4 GHz band.

The EUT is a fixed or mobile device, thus a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons is applicable.

Other details regarding the EUT are documented in the applicable test reports and product documentation.

6. REQUIREMENTS - LIMITATION OF EXPOSURE

6.1. LIMITS

6.1.1. FCC RULES

§1.1310 The criteria listed in Table 1 shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation as specified in §1.1307(b), except in the case of portable devices which shall be evaluated according to the provisions of §2.1093 of this chapter.

TABLE 1—LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging time (minutes)
(A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposures				
0.3–3.0	614	1.63	*(100)	6
3.0–30	1842/f	4.89/f	*(900/f ²)	6
30–300	61.4	0.163	1.0	6
300–1500 .....	.....	.....	f/300	6
1500–100,000 .....	.....	.....	5	6
(B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure				
0.3–1.34	614	1.63	*(100)	30
1.34–30	824/f	2.19/f	*(180/f ²)	30

TABLE 1—LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)—Continued

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging time (minutes)
30–300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300–1500 .....	.....	.....	f/1500	30
1500–100,000 .....	.....	.....	1.0	30

f = frequency in MHz

* = Plane-wave equivalent power density

NOTE 1 TO TABLE 1: Occupational/controlled limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for occupational/controlled exposure also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where occupational/controlled limits apply provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure.

NOTE 2 TO TABLE 1: General population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposure or can not exercise control over their exposure.

6.1.2. IC RULES

IC Safety Code 6, Section 2.2.1 (a) A person other than an RF and microwave exposed worker shall not be exposed to electromagnetic radiation in a frequency band listed in Column 1 of Table 5, if the field strength exceeds the value given in Column 2 or 3 of Table 5, when averaged spatially and over time, or if the power density exceeds the value given in Column 4 of Table 5, when averaged spatially and over time.

**Table 5
 Exposure Limits for Persons Not Classed As RF and Microwave Exposed Workers (Including the General Public)**

1 Frequency (MHz)	2 Electric Field Strength; rms (V/m)	3 Magnetic Field Strength; rms (A/m)	4 Power Density (W/m ²)	5 Averaging Time (min)
0.003–1	280	2.19		6
1–10	280/ <i>f</i>	2.19/ <i>f</i>		6
10–30	28	2.19/ <i>f</i>		6
30–300	28	0.073	2*	6
300–1 500	1.585 <i>f</i> ^{0.5}	0.0042 <i>f</i> ^{0.5}	<i>f</i> /150	6
1 500–15 000	61.4	0.163	10	6
15 000–150 000	61.4	0.163	10	616 000 / <i>f</i> ^{1.2}
150 000–300 000	0.158 <i>f</i> ^{0.5}	4.21 x 10 ⁻⁴ <i>f</i> ^{0.5}	6.67 x 10 ⁻⁵ <i>f</i>	616 000 / <i>f</i> ^{1.2}

* Power density limit is applicable at frequencies greater than 100 MHz.

- Notes:**
1. Frequency, *f*, is in MHz.
 2. A power density of 10 W/m² is equivalent to 1 mW/cm².
 3. A magnetic field strength of 1 A/m corresponds to 1.257 microtesla (μT) or 12.57 milligauss (mG).

6.1.3. LIMITS APPLICABLE TO THE EUT

For mobile radio equipment operating in the cellular phone band, the lowest power density limit is calculated using the lowest frequency, as 824 MHz / 1500 = 0.55 mW/cm² (FCC) and 824 MHz / 150 = 5.5 W/m² (IC).

For operation in the PCS band and the 2.4 GHz band, from FCC §1.1310 Table 1 (B), the maximum value of S = 1.0 mW/cm² and from IC Safety Code 6, Section 2.2 Table 5 Column 4, S = 10 W/m².

6.2. EQUATIONS

Power density is given by:

$$S = \text{EIRP} / (4 * \text{Pi} * \text{D}^2)$$

where

S = Power density in W/m²

EIRP = Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power in W

D = Separation distance in m

Where applicable (for example, multi-slot cell phone applications) a duty cycle factor may be applied.

$$\text{Source-based time-averaged EIRP} = (\text{DC} / 100) * \text{EIRP}$$

where

DC = Duty Cycle in %, as applicable

EIRP = Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power in W

For multiple colocated transmitters operating simultaneously in frequency bands where the limit is identical, the total power density is calculated using the total EIRP obtained by summing the Power * Gain product (in linear units) of each transmitter.

$$\text{Total EIRP} = (\text{P1} * \text{G1}) + (\text{P2} * \text{G2}) + \dots + (\text{Pn} * \text{Gn})$$

where

Px = Power of transmitter x

Gx = Numeric gain of antenna x

For multiple colocated transmitters operating simultaneously in frequency bands where different limits apply, either the lowest limit applicable to the co-located transmitters can be applied or a fraction of the exposure limit is established for each band, such that the sum of the fractions is less than or equal to one.

In the table(s) below, Power and Gain are entered in units of dBm and dBi respectively and conversions to linear forms are used for the calculations.

6.3. RESULTS

6.3.1. CO-LOCATED RESULTS FOR SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION IN THE CELLULAR BAND AND 2.4 GHz BAND

Band	Mode	Separation Distance (m)	Output Power (dBm)	Antenna Gain (dBi)	Duty Cycle (%)	IC Power Density (W/m ²)	FCC Power Density (mW/cm ²)
850 MHz	WAN		32.00	5.00	50		
2.4 GHz	WLAN		16.02	2.00	100		
Combined		0.20				5.11	0.511

The co-located Power Density is less than 5.5 W/m², which is the most stringent of the limits for each separate transmitter (5.5 W/m² and 10 W/m² for the WAN and WLAN respectively).

6.3.2. CO-LOCATED RESULTS FOR SIMULTANEOUS OPERATION IN THE PCS BAND AND 2.4 GHz BAND

Band	Mode	Separation Distance (m)	Output Power (dBm)	Antenna Gain (dBi)	Duty Cycle (%)	IC Power Density (W/m ²)	FCC Power Density (mW/cm ²)
1900 MHz	WAN		29.00	4.00	100		
2.4 GHz	WLAN		16.02	2.00	100		
Combined		0.20				4.10	0.410

The co-located Power Density is less than 10 W/m², which is the limit for each separate transmitter.

END OF REPORT