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## US Outdoor Speaker Specialist NEAR Announces European Debut at ISE 2015

*Company bringing ten ultra-high performance SKUs for  
residential installations*

Gardiner, ME, January 28, 2015 — USA-based high performance outdoor speaker manufacturer NEAR, a division of Bogen Communications, Inc. (“NEAR”) today announced it would attend ISE 2015 (booth 6M170) as a springboard to entering the European marketplace. The company’s extensive range of products include bracket-mount and in-ground outdoor speaker models and a 600WPC stereo/mono amplifier ideally suited to powering outdoor speaker systems. NEAR has been designing and building residential and commercial all-environment systems since 1988, amassing a vast knowledge bank of material properties and technologies best suited for outdoor audio applications. Arguably no other residential brand has as much outdoor speaker design experience as NEAR’s 27 years.

The LB and IG series speakers feature bold industrial designs with acoustic design by NEAR founder and Division General Manager William (Bill) Kieltyka. In designing these new products, NEAR placed special emphasis on installation ease and security, long-lasting appearance and reliable performance. NEAR speakers combine commercial-grade rugged durability with audiophile-grade indoor speaker sound quality.

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All LB and IG series models employ ultra low mass Metal Diaphragm Technology (MDT™) woofers and inverted dome tweeters for best-in-class sound quality and durability. The woofers are Magnetic Liquid Suspension (MLS™) “spiderless” designs resulting in longer cone excursion for superior bass output and lower distortion. As an added benefit, the magnetic fluid serves to draw heat away from the voice coil for exceptional high power durability.

## LB Series

There are four models of bracket-mount LB series speakers, ranging from 4-1/2" (11cm) to 8" (20cm) 2-way designs, all featuring NEAR's unique new mounting system which is an integrator's dream come true. The system includes a bracket clamp with a pre-terminated waterproof plug-in connector that can be pre-installed. The speaker can be clamped in place at a later time, at project completion. NEAR's system minimizes



NEAR LB Series

installation effort and time, allows last-minute speaker mounting to minimize the chance of theft during the construction phase, and optimizes the integrator's inventory and cash flow.

Integrators who witnessed the system in action at TechSummit 2014 in southern California, immediately saw the system's benefits. "I love the way this bracket allows me to install the speaker with a minimum of fuss, without balancing the speaker on my shoulder," said Jim Kingsley of Kingsley AV in Santa Ana, CA. "I love the O ring connection that will last for a very long time. [I] love that you can adjust the bracket to multiple mounting angles. Also like that the connections stay encapsulated in a weatherproof housing."

All LB models are available in paintable white or black finish, and in 8 Ohm or 70V configuration. The LB's injection molded cabinets are fabricated from UV-inhibited mineral-filled polypropylene for superior color stability and resonance-free sound quality. All grilles and mounting hardware are stainless steel and aluminum that will not rust, corrode or change color even if exposed to salt air, constant humidity or driving rain. The LB Series models are

designed to meet or exceed the stringent Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); and IEC IP X5 durability standards, making them totally weatherproof not just “weather resistant.” NEAR backs up the extraordinary build-quality of the LB series with an industry leading 12-year parts and labor limited warranty.

## IG Series

NEAR’s IG Series are designed for in-ground installation, but are attractive enough to be used free standing and can be easily camouflaged among planters and pots.

In-ground installation affords the homeowner better sound performance, lower visibility and greater security.

There are three IG full range models: 5-1/4" (13cm), 6-1/2" (17cm) and 8" (20cm) 2-way full range speakers, plus in-ground 12" (30cm) and 10" (25cm) subwoofers and a 600 WPC amplifier specifically designed to power outdoor systems. All represent the pinnacle of outdoor speaker durability, technology and sound quality.



NEAR IG 6

NEAR’s use of color-through enclosure material means IG models will never color-fade even after years of direct sun exposure. IG models are designed to meet or exceed the stringent Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); and IEC IP X5 durability standards, making them totally weatherproof not just “weather resistant.”

Like their LB Series cousins all IG series models employ NEAR’s MDT metal diaphragm and MLS Magnetic Liquid Suspension technologies. For even higher performance IGs feature patented UDIO (upside down/inside out) low frequency drivers. UDIO is an inverted cone diaphragm woofer driven by voice coils wound both inside and outside the former. With UDIO technology frequency linearity and sound quality are maintained even at punishingly loud volume levels. Along with their omni-directional dispersion pattern, the IG Series’ advanced technologies and rugged build quality provide just what’s needed to fill the outdoors with clean, enjoyable music for years on end.



NEAR UDIO Woofer

The IGS12 and IGS10 (new for 2015) subwoofers deliver exceptional low-frequency performance via groundbreaking design. Their unique enclosure design enables both in and on-ground installation. Employing a UDIO woofer in an LLDP (Linked Low-Density Polyethylene) enclosure, the IGS subs remain musical at any playback level.

The NEAR 6XL is a 600 WPC amplifier, purpose-designed to power outdoor loudspeaker systems. High and Low Pass filters that can be applied to either channel, 4-8 Ohm or 70V operation, built-in subwoofer low frequency EQ, along with a stereo to mono summing circuit make the 6XL flexible enough to drive full range stereo speakers, limited bandwidth stereo speakers or subwoofers. Retailers and custom integrators need only stock this one amplifier to be ready to fill any outdoor system



NEAR 6XL amplifier

amplification need. Professional touches such as XLR inputs, full protection circuitry and commercial-grade components make the 6XL stand out in the residential marketplace for performance, flexibility and reliability.

NEAR's original AEL Series outdoor speakers gained a reputation for audiophile sound quality combined with a rugged build-quality capable of standing up to the harshest weather conditions, including atop New Hampshire's Mt. Washington (reputed to have the worst weather in North America).

Visit NEAR at ISE, Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre, booth 6-M170, 10 – 12 February, 2015.

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## About NEAR

Founded in 1988 and acquired by Bogen Communications, Inc. in 1997, NEAR continues under the creative and business leadership of founder Bill Kieltyka. Bill's passion for advancing high-quality music reproduction and its reputation as the leader in the creation of speakers for use under the most extreme conditions are foundational to the NEAR mission. NEAR creates and markets audiophile grade speakers for year round use, under extreme conditions, at all latitudes of our planet. NEAR is headquartered at 8 ABJ Drive, Gardiner, ME 04345 and is a division of Bogen Communications, Inc. with corporate offices at 1200 MacArthur Blvd, Mahwah NJ 07430.

## LB Series Specifications

	LB4	LB5	LB6	LB8
Available versions	8 Ohms: LB4 70V: LB4T	8 Ohms: LB5 70V: LB5T	8 Ohms: LB6 70V: LB6T	8 Ohms:LB8 70V: LB8T
Dimensions	5.51" W x 10.25" H x 6.3"D 14cm W x 26cm H x 16cm D	7.125" W x 13.9" H x 7.75" D 18.1cm W x 35.2cm H x 19.7cm D	8.58" W x 15.75" H x 8.9"D; 21.8cm W x 40cm H x 22.6cm D	10-1/4" W x 17-7/8"H x 11-3/4" D; 26cm W x 45.4cm H x 29.8cm D
Woofer	(1) 4.5", 11cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround	(1) 5.25", 13cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround	(1) 6.5", 17cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround	(1) 8", 20cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround
Tweeter	(1) 1.1", 28mm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Tweeter, Ferrofluid Damping, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround, Corrosion-Resistant Magnet Assembly	(1) 1.1", 28mm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Tweeter, Ferrofluid Damping, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround, Corrosion-Resistant Magnet Assembly	(1) 1.1", 28mm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Tweeter, Ferrofluid Damping, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround, Corrosion-Resistant Magnet Assembly	(1) 1.1", 28mm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Tweeter, Ferrofluid Damping, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround, Corrosion-Resistant Magnet Assembly
Environmental	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP X5	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP X5	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP X5	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP X5
Terminals	Waterproof Plug-in Connector Included (IP68 Rating)	Waterproof Plug-in Connector Included (IP68 Rating)	Waterproof Plug-in Connector Included (IP68 Rating)	Waterproof Plug-in Connector Included (IP68 Rating)
Finishes	White, Black and Mulch (paintable)	White or Black (paintable)	White or Black (paintable)	White or Black (paintable)

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Power output	2 x 600 Watts into 70V or 8 Ohm loads
Filters	85Hz, 12dB/octave High and Low Pass switchable on either channel (Low Frequency EQ Extension below 40 Hz in Low Pass Mode)
Inputs	RCA and XLR connectors for each channel
Level control	Variable levels for each channel
Protection	Clip limiters, AC back-slope regulation, DC overload, Thermal and short circuit protection

## IG Series Specifications

	IG5	IG6	IG8	IGS10	IGS12
Dimensions	14.5" Diameter at Base x 16.5" High 36.8cm x 42cm	16" Diameter at Base x 17.75" High 40.6cm x 45cm	17.75" Diameter at Base x 19.25" High 45cm x 49cm	14.5" Diameter at Base x 16.5" High 36.8cm x 42cm	23.75" Diameter at Base x 19.25" High 68cm x 49cm
Woofers	(1) 5.25", 13cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm UDIO Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround	(1) 6.5", 17cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm UDIO Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround	(1) 8", 20cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm UDIO Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround	(1) 10", 25cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm UDIO Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround	(1) 12", 30cm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm UDIO Woofer, MLS Voice Coil Guidance, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround
Tweeter	(1) 1.1", 28mm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Tweeter, Ferrofluid Damping, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround, Corrosion-Resistant Magnet Assembly	(1) 1.1", 28mm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Tweeter, Ferrofluid Damping, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround, Corrosion-Resistant Magnet Assembly	(1) 1.1", 28mm Metal-Alloy Diaphragm Tweeter, Ferrofluid Damping, UV and Chemical Resistant Rubber Surround, Corrosion-Resistant Magnet Assembly	N/A	N/A
Environmental	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP55	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP55	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP55	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP55	Designed to Meet or Exceed Mil-Std-810 (Humidity, Salt Air, Heat, Cold, Immersion); IEC IP55
Terminals	8-conductor underground-rated cable with 8-Ohm and 70V taps	8-conductor underground-rated cable with 8-Ohm and 70V taps	8-conductor underground-rated cable with 8-Ohm and 70V taps	8-conductor underground-rated cable with 8-Ohm and 70V taps	8-conductor underground-rated cable with 8-Ohm and 70V taps
Finish	Kodiak Brown	Kodiak Brown	Kodiak Brown	Kodiak Brown	Kodiak Brown

(All specifications subject to change without notice)