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Exhibit 11

**RF Exposure Information
Sar Report**

CERTIFICATION REPORT

Subject: **Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) Experimental Analysis**

Product: Wireless Handheld Computer

Model: Sidearm with an incorporated Research In Motion R902M-2-0 radio modem (Mobitex Network)

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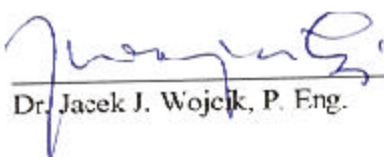
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 Model: Sidearm with an incorporated Research In Motion R902M-2-0 radio modem (Mobitex Network)
 Standard: FCC 96 –326, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio-Frequency Radiation

ENGINEERING SUMMARY

This report contains the results of the engineering evaluation performed on a Melard Sidearm wireless handheld PC with an incorporated R902 Mobitex radio modem. The measurements were carried out in accordance with FCC 96-326. The Sidearm with a RIM902M radio modem was evaluated for its maximum power level (nominally 2W / 33dBm). The duty factor of the radio modem is intrinsically restricted to 25% (See Appendix E).

The Sidearm with a RIM902M radio modem was tested at low, middle and high channels for the keyboard up, keyboard down, right and left sides. The maximum 10g SAR (1.1 W/kg) was found to coincide with the peak performance RF output power of channel 0880 (high, 901 MHz) for the right side of the device. (The hot spot is located on the antenna). Test data and graphs are presented in this report.

The antenna of the device can be positioned with the antenna pointing up directly away from the keyboard, with the antenna pointing up directly away from the top edge, and with the antenna folded against the top edge. The antenna configuration has no effect on SAR results for this device. During use, the antenna is in the upright verticle position (see page 16 of manual).

Based on the test results and on how the device will be marketed and used, it is certified that the product meets the requirements as set forth in the above specifications, for uncontrolled RF exposure environment.

(The results presented in this report relate only to the sample tested.)



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1. INTRODUCTION

Tests were conducted to determine the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) of a sample of a Melard Sidearm wireless handheld PC with an incorporated R902 Mobitex radio modem. These tests were conducted at APREL Laboratories' facility located at 51 Spectrum Way, Nepean, Ontario, Canada. A view of the SAR measurement setup can be seen in Appendix A Figure 1. This report describes the results obtained.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents are applicable to the work performed:

- 1) FCC 96-326, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio-Frequency Radiation
- 2) ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1999, IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- 3) ANSI/IEEE C95.3-1992, IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields – RF and Microwave.
- 4) OET Bulletin 65 (Edition 97-01) Supplement C (Edition 97-01), "Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields".

3. DEVICE UNDER INVESTIGATION

- Melard Sidearm wireless handheld PC with an incorporated R902 Mobitex radio modem, s/n 1001017, received on 16 October, 2000.

The Melard Sidearm wireless handheld PC with an incorporated R902 Mobitex radio modem will be called DUI (Device Under Investigation) in the following.

The DUI is intended to be used with the antenna vertically upright. The antenna of the DUI is an 8.5' half-wavelength dipole antenna. The DUI nominally transmitted at 25% duty factor in the band of 896 MHz - 901 MHz. See the manufacturer's submission documentation for drawings and more design details.



4. TEST EQUIPMENT

- APREL Triangular Dosimetric Probe Model E-009, s/n 115, Asset # 301420
- CRS Robotics A255 articulated robot arm, s/n RA2750, Asset # 301335
- CRS Robotics C500 robotic system controller, s/n RC584, Asset # 301334
- APREL F-2, flat manikin, s/n 002
- Tissue Recipe and Calibration Requirements, APREL procedure SSI/DRB-TP-D01-033
- R&S Power Reflexion Meter NRT (Tektronix) s/n 836939/001
- HP 83201A Dual Mode Cellular Adapter, Asset # 301290
- HP 8920A 0.4 – 1000 MHz RF Communications Test Set , Asset # 301290
- Dipole antenna model D-835S S/N 101
- Wireless Test Tool software supplied by the modem manufacturer, Research In Motion Ltd.
- Radio transmission card, supplied by the modem manufacturer, Research In Motion Ltd. HP 83201A Dual Mode Cellular Adapter, Asset # 301290

5. TEST METHODOLOGY

1. The test methodology utilised in the certification of the DUI complies with the requirements of FCC 96-326 and ANSI/IEEE C95.3-1992.
2. The E-field is measured with a small isotropic probe (output voltage proportional to E^2).
3. The probe is moved precisely from one point to the next using the robot (10 mm increments for wide area scanning, 5 mm increments for zoom scanning, and 2.5 mm increments for the final depth profile measurement).
4. The probe travels in the homogeneous liquid simulating human tissue. Appendix A contains information about the properties of the simulated tissue used for these measurements.



5. The liquid is contained in a manikin simulating a portion of the human body.
6. The DUI is positioned with the surface under investigation against the phantom.
7. All tests were performed with the highest power available from the sample DUI under transmit conditions.

More detailed descriptions of the test method is given in Section 6 when appropriate.

6. TEST RESULTS

6.1. TRANSMITTER CHARACTERISTICS

The battery-powered DUI will consume energy from its batteries, which may affect the DUI's transmission characteristics. In order to gage this effect the output of the transmitter is sampled before and after each SAR run. In the case of this DUI, the conducted power was sampled. The following table shows the conducted RF power sampled before and after each of the eight sets of data used for the worst case SAR in this report.

Scan		Power Readings (dBm)		D (dB)	Battery #
Type	Height (mm)	Before	After		
Area	2.5	27.48	27.48	0	A48
Area	12.5	28.13	28.13	0	A47
Zoom	2.5	28.15	-	-	A48
Zoom	7.5	-	-	-	A48
Zoom	12.5	-	-	-	A48
Zoom	17.5	-	-	-	A48
Zoom	22.5	-	28.15	0	A48
Depth	2.5 – 22.5	28.30	28.30	0	B227

Table 1. Sampled Conducted RF Power



6.2. SAR MEASUREMENTS

- 1) RF exposure is expressed as a Specific Absorption Rate (SAR). SAR is calculated from the E-field, measured in a grid of test points as shown in Appendix A Figure 1. SAR is expressed as RF power per kilogram of mass, averaged in 10 grams of tissue for the extremities and 1 gram of tissue elsewhere.
 - 2) The DUI was put into test mode for the SAR measurements via communications software supplied by the radio manufacturer running on a PC to control the channel and maximum operating power (nominally 2W / 33dBm).
 - 3) Figure 3 in Appendix A shows a contour plot of the SAR measurements for the DUI (channel 0880, high, 901 MHz, right side, 2W / 33dBm). It also shows an overlay of the DUI's outlines, superimposed onto the contour plot. The presented values were taken 2.5mm into the simulated tissue from the flat phantom's solid inner surface. Figure 1 shows the flat phantom used in the measurements. For the right side measurements, the bottom edge of the DUI was aligned with $x=-5$, and the antenna, with $y=0$.
- A different presentation of the same data is shown in Appendix A Figure 3. This is a surface plot, where the measured SAR values provide the vertical dimension, which is useful as a visualisation aid.
- 4) Wide area scans were performed for the low, middle and high channels on the keyboard up, keyboard down, right and left sides of the DUI. The DUI was operating at maximum output power (2W / 33dBm) and 25% duty factor. The peak single point SAR for the scans were:



TYPE OF EXPOSURE	DUI side	Antenna distance to phantom (mm)	Channel			Peak Local SAR (W/kg)
			L/M/H	#	Freq (MHz)	
Hand Exposure	keyboard up side	13	middle	0720	899	1.19
	keyboard down side	37	middle	0720	899	0.21
	left side	220	middle	0720	899	0.0
Hand & Bystander Exposure	Right side	0	middle	0720	899	1.31
			low	0480	896	1.27
			high	0880	901	1.48

Table 2. SAR Measurements

All subsequent testing was performed on channel 0880 (high, 901 MHz), with the right side of the DUI facing up against the bottom of the phantom and the antenna touching the phantom. This relates to the position and frequency found to provide the maximum measured SAR value.

7. USER'S HAND EXPOSURE

- 1) Channel 0880 (high, 901 MHz) was then explored on a refined 5 mm grid in three dimensions. The SAR value averaged over 10 grams was determined from these measurements by averaging the 125 points (5x5x5) comprising a 2 cm cube. The maximum SAR value measured averaged over 10 grams was determined from these measurements to be 0.73 W/kg.
- 2) To extrapolate the maximum SAR value averaged over 10 grams to the inner surface of the phantom a series of measurements were made at five (x,y) co-ordinates within the refined grid as a function of depth, with 2.5 mm spacing. The average exponential coefficient was determined to be $(-0.087 \pm 0.002) / \text{mm}$.
- 3) The distance from the probe tip to the inner surface of the phantom for the lowest point is 2.5 mm. The distance from the probe tip to the tip of the measuring dipole within the APREL Triangular Dosimetric Probe Model E-009 is 2.3 mm. The total extrapolation distance is 4.8 mm, the sum of these two.



Applying the exponential coefficient over the 4.8 mm to the maximum SAR value averaged over 10 grams that was determined previously, we obtain the **maximum SAR value at the surface averaged over 10 grams, 1.1 W/kg**.

8. BYSTANDER EXPOSURE

- 1) Channel 0880 (high, 901 MHz) was also explored on a refined 5 mm grid in three dimensions. The SAR value averaged over 1 gram was determined from these measurements by averaging the 27 points (3x3x3) comprising a 1 cm cube. The maximum SAR value measured averaged over 1 gram was determined from these measurements to be 1.01 W/kg.
- 2) To extrapolate the maximum SAR value averaged over 1 gram to the inner surface of the phantom a series of measurements were made at a five (x,y) co-ordinates within the refined grid as a function of depth, with 2.5 mm spacing. The average exponential coefficient was determined to be $(-0.087 \pm 0.002) / \text{mm}$.
- 3) The distance from the probe tip to the inner surface of the phantom for the lowest point is 2.5 mm. The distance from the probe tip to the tip of the measuring dipole within the APREL Triangular Dosimetric Probe Model E-009 is 2.3 mm. The total extrapolation distance is 4.8 mm, the sum of these two.

Applying the exponential coefficient over the 4.8 mm to the maximum SAR value averaged over 1 gram that was determined previously, we obtain the **maximum SAR value at the surface averaged over 1 gram, 1.54 W/kg**.



9. CONCLUSIONS

The maximum Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) averaged over 10 grams, determined at 901 MHz (high channel, 0880, right side, 2W / 33dBm) of the Melard Sidearm wireless handheld PC with an incorporated R902 Mobitex radio modem, is 1.1 W/kg. The overall margin of uncertainty for this measurement is $\pm 13\%$ (Appendix B). The SAR limit given in the FCC 96-326 Safety Guideline is 4 W/kg for uncontrolled hand exposure for the general population.

For a bystander or user exposing a part of the body other than the extremities, at a separation distance of 0 cm from the antenna of the device (where the hot spot is located), the maximum Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) averaged over 1 g is 1.54 W/kg. The SAR limit given in the FCC 96-326 Safety Guideline is 1.6 W/kg for uncontrolled partial body exposure of the general population.

Considering the above, this unit as tested, and as it will be marketed and used, is found to be compliant with the FCC 96-326 requirement.

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APPENDIX A. Measurement Setup, Tissue Properties and SAR Graphs

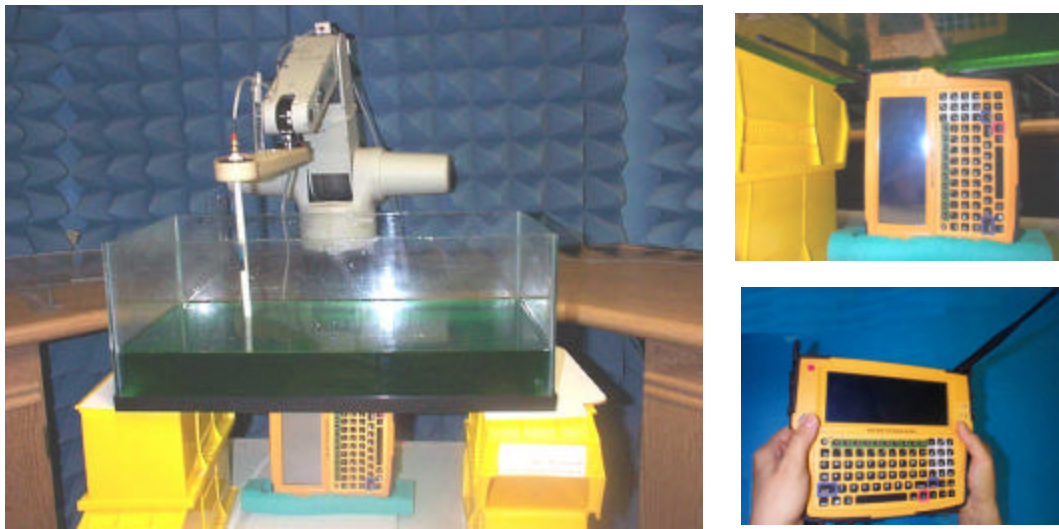


Figure 1. Setup

Simulated Muscle Tissue Material and Calibration Technique

The mixture used was based on that presented SSI/DRB-TP-D01-033, “Tissue Recipe and Calibration Requirements”. The density used to determine SAR from the measurements was the recommended 1040 kg/m^3 found in Appendix C of Supplement C to OET Bulletin 65, Edition 97-01).

Dielectric parameters of the simulated tissue material were determined using a Hewlett Packard 8510 Network Analyser, a Hewlett Packard 809B Slotted Line Carriage, and an APREL SLP-001 Slotted Line Probe.

	APREL	OET 65 Supplement	Δ (%) (OET)
Dielectric constant, ϵ_r	55.8	55.96	-0.2%
Conductivity, σ [S/m]	1.12	0.969	16.1%
Tissue Conversion Factor, γ	9.6	-	-

Table 3. Dielectric Properties of the Simulated Muscle Tissue at 899 MHz

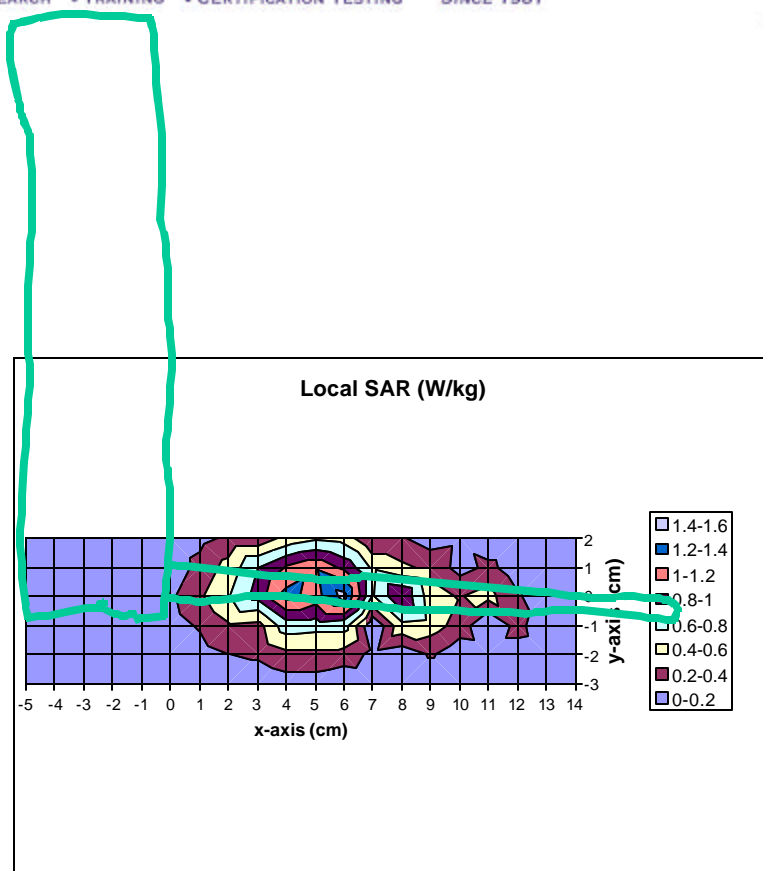


Figure 2. Contour Plot of the Area Scan 2.5mm Above Phantom Surface

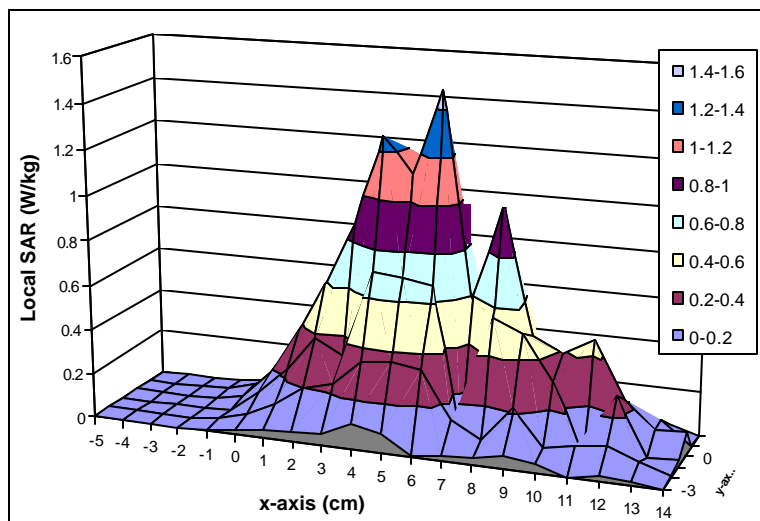


Figure 3. Surface Plot of the Area Scan 2.5mm Above Phantom Surface

APPENDIX B. Uncertainty Budget

Uncertainties Contributing to the Overall Uncertainty		
Type of Uncertainty	Specific to	Uncertainty
Power variation due to battery condition	DUI	0.0%
Extrapolation due to curve fit of SAR vs depth	setup & DUI	4.2%
Extrapolation due to depth measurement	setup	4.3%
Conductivity	setup	6.0%
Density	setup	2.6%
Tissue enhancement factor	setup	7.0%
Voltage measurement	setup	5.4%
Probe sensitivity factor	setup	3.5%
		13.0% RSS

Table 4. Uncertainty Budget



APPENDIX C. Validation Scan on a Flat Phantom

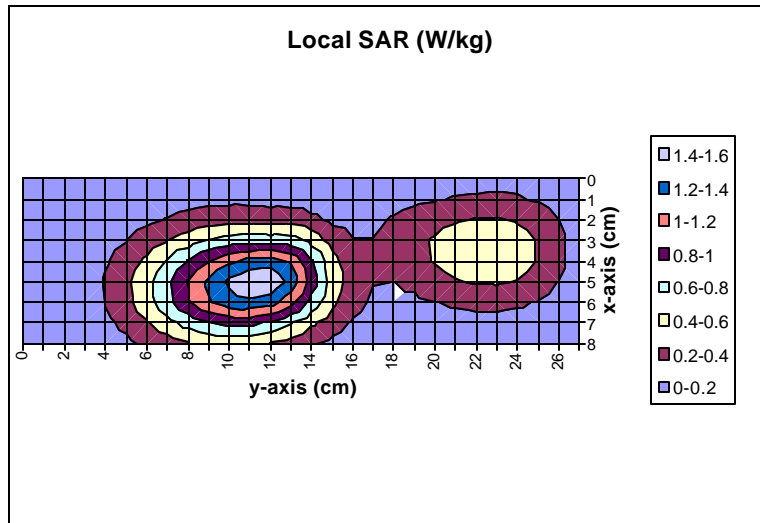


Figure 4. Contour Plot of the Reference Area Scan 2.5mm Above Phantom

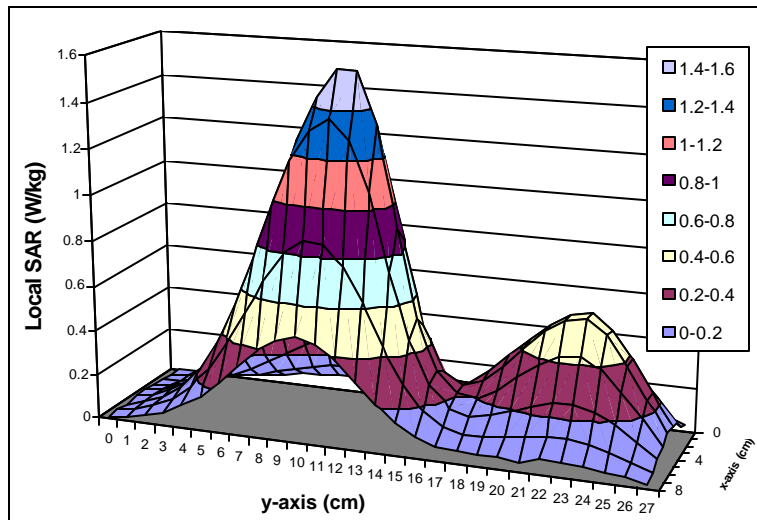


Figure 5. Surface Plot of the Reference Area Scan 2.5mm Above Phantom

APPENDIX D. Probe Calibration

NCL CALIBRATION LABORATORIES

Calibration File No.: 301420

CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

It is certified that the equipment identified below has been calibrated in the
NCL CALIBRATION LABORATORIES by qualified personnel following recognized
procedures and using transfer standards traceable to NRC/NIST.

Equipment: Miniature Isotropic RF Probe

Manufacturer: APREL Laboratories/IDX Robotics Inc

Model No.: E-009

Serial No.: 115

Customer: APREL

Asset No.:301420

Calibration Procedure: SSI/DRB-TP-D01-032

Cal. Date: 9 November, 2000 Cal. Due Date: 8 November, 2001

Remarks: None

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APPENDIX E. Duty Factor Limiting Algorithm for the OEM Radio Module R902M-2-O

The duty factor limiting algorithm for the OEM radio module R902M-2-O is a firmware algorithm that directly inhibits the radio firmware that generates transmit pulses. This algorithm will be permanently integrated with the radio firmware and installed at time of manufacture in the production facility. The algorithm cannot be modified or disabled by the user.

The radio module operates on a packet data network. The network controls the timing of most aspects of the radio signalling protocol. The shortest transmit event over which the mobile device has timing control is an entire uplink (transmit) transaction which is a series of transmit pulses. From the perspective of the mobile device this is an “atomic” event, i.e. the network controls the timing of the signalling within the transaction and the transaction can not be broken into smaller independent sub-parts.

Research in Motion Ltd. has implemented and tested a duty factor limiting algorithm for the radio module to comply with the requirement for limiting the duty factor at all times. To limit the duty factor at all times the algorithm controls the timing of when uplink (transmit) transactions are initiated. When an uplink (transmit) transaction occurs the algorithm accrues the actual transmit time. The algorithm ensures that the idle (transmitter off) time is sufficient to ensure the duty factor is less than the limit (25%) before the next uplink (transmit) transaction is initiated. This ensures that the duty factor is limited to the maximum allowable over all times.

