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AJA Announces Support for Final Cut Pro 5

NAB, Las Vegas, NV, April 19, 2005: AJA Video today announced that all KONA and Io products will support Apple's new Final Cut Pro 5 and Final Cut Studio. The exciting new features will be functional when FCP 5 and Studio ship. Additionally, a new driver release for the Io product line will feature reduced latency and 23.98 frame rate support. AJA's complete line of desktop video capture cards and devices can be seen in their booth at NAB (SL2514), next to Apple's booth.

The new Io, Io LA, and Io LD driver will feature reduced latency on the FireWire connection to the Mac as the result of a driver update from Apple. This major enhancement in the functionality of Io will significantly improve its responsiveness. Also, the Io product family's new 23.98 frame rate support adds new capability for Io to support many 24p and film related projects.

The new version 1.1 KONA 2 driver has hardware-accelerated support for FCP 5's HDV playback codec, offloading the CPU to allow more real time effects. KONA 2 and KONA LS will provide full support for Apple's new Dynamic RT Extreme, 8 channels of discrete audio input, the new MultiCam playback of up to 16 sources, video-out support for Motion 2 and the new version of Shake, and video out of SoundTrack Pro. Io will also support MultiCam playback of up to 16 sources, video-out support for Motion 2, and the new version of Shake.

"It's been great to work so closely with Apple through the development process of the latest version of Final Cut Pro 5 and Final Cut Studio," said Ted Schilowitz, Worldwide Product Manager, Desktop Video Engines, AJA Video. "We're happy to be the first company to support these features as they're announced, showing that our relationship with Apple has never been stronger."

The new Kona 2 driver version 1.1 is available now for download at the support section of AJA's website. The new Io family driver will be available in May.

About AJA Video Systems, Inc.

Since 1993, AJA Video has been a leading manufacturer of SDI and HD-SDI video interface and conversion solutions, bringing high-quality, cost-effective digital video products to the professional broadcast and post production markets. AJA offers Io (the "ultimate" capture box), SDI and HD-SDI QuickTime PCI capture cards, miniature stand-alone converters, and a complete line of rack mount interface and conversion cards and frames. With headquarters located in Grass Valley, California, AJA Video designs and manufactures all of its products in the USA, with an extensive sales channel of dealers and systems integrators around the world. For further information, please see our website at www.aja.com.

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