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New Money Saving Audio Solution

Los Angeles, California (April 10, 1998) – Convergence Corporation, known since the seventies for its edit systems, today introduced the AFM 216, a new product that will upgrade two channel Sony Betacam decks to play back and record four audio channels. This enhancement will provide broadcast quality audio for industrial budgets.

The AFM module activates two high quality FM audio tracks for both UVW and PVW video tape recorders. Great care has been taken to aesthetically integrate the AFM 216's with the appearance of the Sony VTR's. The unit replaces a deck's top cover and adds only one rack unit to the overall height of the Betacam. The module requires no external power supply. The AFM 216 is tethered to the VTR's circuit boards by one 32-way ribbon cable and IDC connector. Removal of the unit for head cleaning and routine maintenance could not be simpler. The module comes as an easy to install kit or can be fitted at the factory for a small additional cost. Now systems can integrate more economical UVW's and PVW's with high-end four channel BVW Betacams without sacrificing operational flexibility.

"Why spend forty thousand for a BVW 70 when adding an AFM 216 to a PVW 2800 will give you the same capability at half the price?" asked Jim Meek, Technical Manager for Convergence systems. "Installation does not void the Sony warranty. For service on your deck, snap off the connector and replace the original top cover. It reinstalls just as easily."

Convergence Corporation has long been at the cutting edge of postproduction. The AFM 216 can now take its place with joy stick control, vary speed, edit list management and the Edit Droid as Convergence Corporation innovations. The product will be distributed immediately throughout North America by Convergence Corporation affiliate, BCS the Broadcast Store.

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