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# Listen and Watch: Sound & TV in Mediator [16 Aug 2001]

Elbox Computer has released its brand new Mediator Multimedia CD package to open the world of PCI Sound and TV cards for Amiga users.

This CD has been prepared to provide you with the selection of drivers for PCI sound cards, TV tuner cards and graphic cards for Mediator PCI busboards for Amiga 4000, Amiga 3000 and Amiga 1200 computers.

The basic features of the Sound, TV & Graphic drivers:

Sound drivers:

- o The AHI-standard drivers for music cards to provide support for Sound Blaster PCI128 cards based on ES1371, ES1373, CT5880 and EV1938 chipsets.
- o The Sound Blaster PCI128 card makes use of the PCI bus in the Mediator busboard as the busmaster performing DMA operations to/from the external memory.
- o With 8- and 16-bit mono and stereo playback and 16-bit stereo recording plus user-selectable sampling rates from 5kHz to 48kHz, the Sound Blaster PCI128 produces precise audio fidelity.
- o Possible connection of 2 or 4 (optional) speakers for an engulfing 3D-surround sound experience.
- o Two independent stereo DACs for simultaneous playback of two stereo PCM channels.
- o Mixer: All inputs can be mixed together. Simultaneous recording from all the inputs is possible. The volume and balance can be changed independently for each input and output.

TV tuner drivers:

- o Drivers for TV tuner cards provide support for tuner cards based on the Bt878 Video Decoder.
- o The TV screen is rendered in the graphic card screen in a user-scalable window (PIP).
- o The TV tuner cards make use of the PCI bus in the Mediator busboard as a busmaster performing DMA operations to the graphic card memory.
- o TV tuner card running in the Mediator PCI busboard does not enforce any load whatsoever on the Amiga's processor.
- o When full-screen TV image is generated, data transfer over the PCI bus between the TV tuner card and the graphic card is executed at 44MB/s.

Graphic drivers:

- o Enhanced drivers for the Voodoo graphic card family.
- o In the case of Mediator PCI 1200, the package allows using the memory window jumper set to 8MB independently of the Mediator PCI 1200 busboard series.

Suggested Retail Price (VAT and local taxes excluded): EUR 24.95

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See Mediator-related sources: The unofficial e-group on MEDIATOR: [groups.yahoo.com/group/Amiga-Mediator](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Amiga-Mediator) The unofficial MEDIATOR website: [www.amiga-mediator.co.uk](http://www.amiga-mediator.co.uk)

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# **Merlancia Industries is pleased to announce the purchase of the legendary Amiga Walker and MCC designs.**

The Walker and MCC designs (created by Frogdesign and Pentagram respectively) are now owned exclusively by Merlancia Industries. These designs will be implemented in Merlancia's MMC/Torro line of multimedia PowerPC products.

The Walker case, designed in 1995-6 by Frogdesign for Escom AG will be implemented in a Space Conservative Desktop unit; expressly useful for offices and cramped desks. The Walker design, currently Merlancia Radian, will feature a PowerPC G3 or G4 (750 and 7410 resp.) processor with an advanced graphics chipset and will be targeted for sale around the \$1500 to \$2000 price point.

The MCC case, designed in 1999 by Pentagram was planned as Amiga's Multimedia Convergence Console. Merlancia will be implementing this design for its Apocalypse DT and ST series systems, based on the PowerPC 7xx and 8xx series processors. The MCC design will be implemented in set top box and low cost desktop packages based on the X-Casting Broadband Video delivery method next year for prices ranging between \$699 and \$1299.

Dr. Ryan E. A. Czerwinski, CEO of Merlancia Industries comments "We anticipate minor styling changes and modifications, as needed for the implementation of our hardware, none of which will effect the beauty or harmony of the case designs. We will be producing the cases out of stainless steel, with the possibility of other materials being available as well."

Bill McEwen, President & CEO of Amiga, Inc said "As Amiga has transformed itself to a Software company, having Merlancia build new products based on these designs is exciting, and we look forward to seeing more great products from the Merlancia team".

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## **e.p.i.c. signs up to produce AmigaDE content**

Snoqualmie, WA - August 6, 2001

e.p.i.c. interactive entertainment, a well-known name in the Amiga gaming community, today signed on to create additional games for the AmigaDE. These games will initially target PDA's and handheld devices such as the Sharp Zaurus.

e.p.i.c. has been active in the Amiga gaming market since 1996. Some of their titles include "sixth sense investigations" (1998) and "virtual gp" (1999). One of their biggest hits on the Amiga platform was "foundation directors cut" (1999). Apart from their own titles, e.p.i.c. also creates ports of titles on other platforms such as the classic adventure game "simon the sorcerer II" and the realtime strategy hit "earth 2140".

The first three titles that e.p.i.c. will create for the AmigaDE are "Boxikon", "Piles O' Tiles", and "Pegger". All three are puzzle games with superb graphics and presentation layout. In its upcoming releases, e.p.i.c. will create other kinds of games such as card games, action shooters, puzzlers and sport games.

"The Amiga in its classic form was a dream come true for developers and users alike", said Thomas Steiding, General Manager and one of the founders of e.p.i.c. "Most of our employees started their careers with Amiga and remain diehard fans. We look forward to creating the same kind of excitement on the PDA platform."

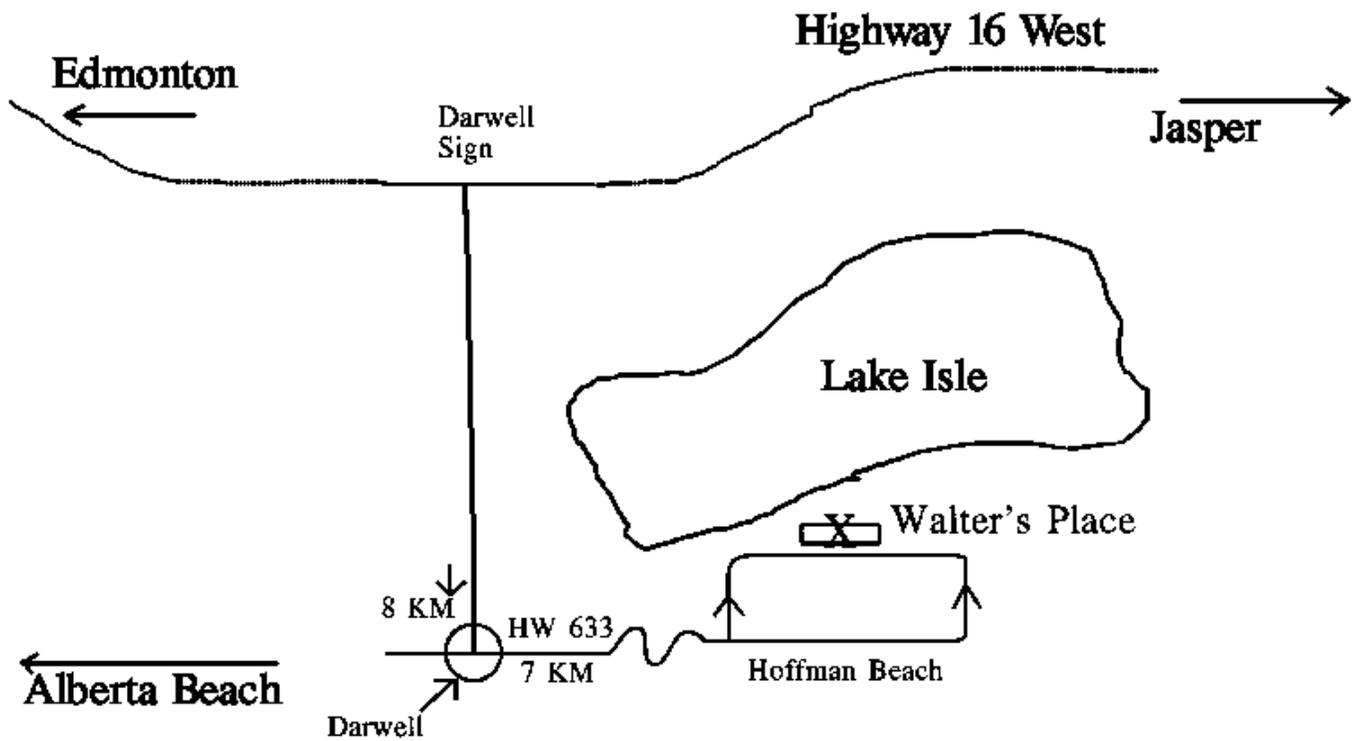
"e.p.i.c. has been an excellent partner and has created some premier content for Amiga," said Bill McEwen, President and CEO of Amiga, Inc. "We look forward to their active participation as they translate their gaming expertise from the desktop to the handheld market."

The market for video games in the United States, which includes arcade, PC, console, and online gaming, is currently estimated to be worth \$11 billion. The AmigaDE platform allows developers to create game applications that target this market. The binary portable nature of AmigaDE content allows applications to migrate seamlessly from cell phones and handheld devices to set-top boxes and up to desktop machines and servers.

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