Northport Systems Inc., a leading software manufacturer and exclusive worldwide distributor of Avia software instrumentation products, announced today the addition of Gemeco Marine Accessories to its growing distribution network. A full service U.S. distributor of marine transducers and accessories, including NMEA network components, mounts, electronic navigation charts, specialty marine connectors and electrical and wiring accessories, Gemeco will immediately carry Fugawi software products, accessories, maps and digital charts, as well as Avia software instrumentation products for use with NMEA 0183 and NMEA 2000® networks. Gemeco’s existing offerings consist of numerous compatible products that complement Northport Systems’ software solutions, and the agreement will offer the company greater inroads into the marine electronics installers’ channel.

“Gemeco has a deep understanding of the modern vessel data-infrastructure, and top-notch customer service and support; we are delighted to work with them,” said Robin Martel, president of Northport Systems. “Gemeco’s line of NMEA 0183 and NMEA 2000® sensors, connectors and cabling products are key components of cutting-edge vessel networking and essential to the integration of plotters, sounders, weather instruments and other sensors with Fugawi and Avia software.”

Fugawi Marine ENC™ software is ideal for boaters who require ultimate flexibility when planning excursions or during real-time navigation. The software allows seamless upload and download of routes and waypoints to compatible chartplotters and support for S-57, BSB, NV.Digital, Hilton’s Realtime Navigator, and Navionics Gold and Platinum+ chart formats, to name a few. In addition, Fugawi Marine ENC supports Google Earth and provides enhanced Automatic Identification System (AIS) integration.

Avia instrumentation software receives data from onboard sensors using industry standard NMEA 0183 and NMEA 2000® protocols (with the addition of the NMEA 2000® certified Actisense NGT-1 gateway), and presents the data as crisp and crystal-clear analog or digital instruments on a screen, with a look and feel familiar to all boaters. The virtual marine instruments can be used on a Windows Tablet, Netbook or PC, and can run as stand-alone software or as perfectly designed instrument overlays for use with any PC-based navigation software product. Avia software is available at a fraction of the cost of physical marine instruments bringing sophisticated functionality to the everyday power or sail boater.

"Gemeco will help Northport Systems reach marine electronics installers and better position Fugawi and Avia software as viable accessories to the vessel data network, when paired with industry leading sensors, cabling and connectors," continued Martel. “The partnership with an industry leader like Gemeco is a natural next step in the evolution of Northport Systems’ development.”