



TREK 2000 INTERNATIONAL LTD (Registration Number 199905744N)

NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

TREK RECEIVES PATENT APPROVALS FOR NEW COMPRESSION TECHNOLOGY

- *Trek now has 15 approved patents out of 30 patents filed.*
- *Patents will yield benefits once licensing ready.*
- *Compression technology is a formidable compression algorithm developed by Trek for all external storage media with high compression ratio.*
- *Compression technology will effectively reduce the cost per megabyte of storage capacity.*
- *Portable external USB enabled storage ThumbDrive® devices will be more affordable to consumers.*

SINGAPORE, 16 August 2005 – Main board listed engineering solutions provider, Trek 2000 International Ltd (“Trek” or “the Group”) today announced that it has received new patent approvals for its compression technology. The countries where these new patents are approved include Japan, United Kingdom and Taiwan.

Compression technology, is a formidable compression algorithm that developed by Trek. Embedded into the *ThumbDrive®* device, this technology can also be adapted into a broad spectrum of external storage devices. Compression technology effectively increases the data storage capacity and reduces the cost per megabyte of storage capacity. This immediately makes storage devices like the *ThumbDrive®* more affordable to consumers.

In its position as an engineering solutions provider, intellectual property ownerships are important components of Trek's business. Through the usage of patents, Trek will be able to officially claim ownership over the solutions that it develops. This is a potentially new revenue stream that can eventually benefit Trek once it is ready to licence its patents to third parties like MNCs and other business enterprises who wish to incorporate Trek's solutions into their products or solutions.

To date, Trek has received approvals for 15 patents out of the 30 patents that the Group has filed across more than 65 countries.

Commenting on Trek's new patent approvals Mr. Henn Tan – Chairman and CEO of Trek says: "Intellectual property ownership like patents is a concept that is fast gaining global acceptance. This is a model for tomorrow's business. The value of the library of patents that we are building at Trek lies in their abilities to evolve into revenue generating engines once licensing begins."

The patent approvals today are not expected to impact the performance of Trek for the current financial year.

About Trek 2000 International

Trek 2000 International Ltd offers state-of-the-art design solutions ranging from portable storage devices, digital audio and video products to wireless and encryption – all catering to the fast changing digital industry. Trek is represented all over the world and has offices in the U.S., Malaysia, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Netherlands, China, the Philippines and Japan to serve the rapidly expanding markets in all regions. A public company on the Singapore Stock Exchange (*SGX:TREK*), Trek 2000 International Ltd is named by Forbes Global as one of the Best Small Companies in the World for 2000 and 2002. Trek 2000 International Ltd is also ranked as the Best Managed Small Company in Singapore by AsiaMoney (of Euromoney).

For more information, visit <http://www.trek2000.com.sg>.

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