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TREK'S PATENT OWNERSHIP OVER ITS USB PORTABLE DATA STORAGE DEVICE WON FINAL JUDGEMENT IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, 11 November 2005 – Mainboard listed engineering solutions provider, Trek 2000 International Limited (“Trek” or “the Group”), today announced that The Court of Appeal of the Republic of Singapore has dismissed three appeals (CA 127/2004, CA 69/2005 and CA 70/2005) which were lodged against Trek Technology (Singapore) Pte Ltd (“Trek”) by M-Systems Flash Disk Pioneers Ltd, FE Global Electronics Pte Ltd, Electec Pte Ltd and Ritronics Components (S'pore) Pte Ltd (collectively called “the Defendants”).

With the conclusive decision from the Court of Appeal in Singapore, Trek can now proceed to claim compensation for the costs related to this litigation suit that has taken more than three years. The Company has had to incur significant costs, time and resources as well as many opportunity costs to prove its legal ownership over the Patent despite the fact that it was lawfully granted the ownership of this Patent in April 2002. Depending on the quantum of costs and damages awarded, the development today may have an impact on the current financial year of Trek 2000 International Ltd.

The ruling by the Court of Appeal today is the final appeal on the above issues. In essence, the Court of Appeal has confirmed that Trek's Patent, the commercial embodiment of which is Trek's *ThumbDrive*[®] device, is held to be valid and that the Defendants' have infringed Trek's Patent.

The three appeals relate to the Singapore High Court judgment by Justice Lai Kew Chai in May this year who held that Trek's Patent was found to be valid and that the Defendants had infringed Trek's Patent in Suits 609/2002 and Suit 672/2002.

Commenting on the judgment, Mr Henn Tan – Chairman and CEO of Trek said: “This is the key that will ignite the IP engine in our country and set a role model for the rest of the world. So in essence, we not only have the smallest nation developing the smallest data storage device but the jurisdiction of this small nation has just demonstrated an extremely powerful IP impact.”

Over the years, Singapore has committed significant efforts and investments to build a conducive environment where intellectual property (“IP”) related activities can thrive. One of the factors frequently highlighted as important to a company's patent strategy and its IP management approach is the legal

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environment and enforceability of IP rights. The judgment today clearly demonstrates such an environment exists in Singapore.

The *ThumbDrive*[®] device in itself is only a basic solution with the ability to configure into numerous applications. It has the potential to function as more than just a simple storage device. It can incorporate identification and security functions that can be applied in industries as diverse as healthcare, security and education. The potential of this device has made it essential for Trek to invest and protect its IP ownership.

“We are very pleased with the outcome today as it puts an end to the long drawn litigation and we can now move on with our business. Undeniably the amount of resources spent to protect our IP ownership is not a sum to be ignored but as an R&D company, it is imperative for us to protect our business interests and the interests of our shareholders. The outcome today sets an important precedent for the R&D industry and clearly demonstrates the power of intellectual property ownership and protection. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our shareholders, our legal counsels from different parts of the world, friends from the media and everyone out there who have given us their support and confidence over the last few years. I would also like to extend my appreciation to Toshiba, TEAC, Imation and all our customers globally for their encouragement. It was not easy for a small company like Trek to take on this task but we have done it and now we can truly say that we have delivered Singapore’s pride to the world.” Said Mr. Henn Tan.

About Trek 2000 International

Trek 2000 International Ltd, an industry leader, innovator and patent owner of the *ThumbDrive*[®] (i.e. USB flash Drive) offers state-of-the-art design solutions ranging from portable storage devices, Digital Technology, wireless, encryption to sophisticated Enterprise solutions 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).

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