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Trek 2000 moves into technology licensing

First full technology license issued to Billionton Systems Inc. of Taiwan

SINGAPORE, 16 December 2003 – One of Singapore’s leading engineering solutions provider, Trek 2000 International Ltd today announce that it has entered into a technology licensing agreement with Billionton Systems Inc., one of Taiwan’s leading provider of mobile connectivity solutions.

Under the terms of the licensing agreement, Trek will receive an upfront license fee plus royalty fee based on the sale of *ThumbDrives* by Billionton. This licensing agreement is non-exclusive. The licensing agreement will allow Billionton to manufacture licensed *ThumbDrive* products for a period of two years.

Commenting on Trek’s new licensing business model, Mr Henn Tan, Chairman and CEO of Trek 2000 said: “Over the last few years, we have invested time and resources to protect the intellectual property rights of Trek’s solutions. Our efforts are now beginning to bear fruits as we move to license our technology. We are very happy to welcome our new licensee, Billionton Systems Inc., from Taiwan and we look forward to a fruitful relationship between our two companies.”

In addition to the Group’s two current business activities, which are customized engineering and digital technology, Trek’s business will now be boosted by income from its technology licenses. Although contribution from technology licensing may not be significant relative to the contributions from its other two main business segments, nevertheless, technology licensing is expected to be one of the fastest growing business areas for the Group.

On Billionton’s appointment as Trek’s licensee, Mr Mike Liang, President of Billionton said: “We are very impressed by Trek’s solutions. Being a company that is focused in bringing new mobile computing solutions to the market, we are convinced that the *ThumbDrive* is the way ahead for data storage and portable data transfer. Poised to replace the floppies, we foresee that it will not be too long before the *ThumbDrives* will be as indispensable as the mobile telephones to consumers.”

“Taiwan traditionally is a country renowned for its powerful IT solutions. Hence, we are very pleased that a Taiwanese company has recognized the innovation and benefits of the *ThumbDrive* solution and chosen to work with Trek.” said Mr Henn Tan

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 sophisticated ASIC design – all catering to the fast changing digital industry. Trek has offices all over the world including the U.S., Malaysia, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Netherlands, China, the Philippines and France 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. 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>.

About Billionton Systems, Inc

Billionton Systems Inc. was established in August of 1997 by a number of highly professionals in the field of Data Storage, DataCom and Networking. It was built on a vision of future of mobile computing, a market which will grow alongside the ever-expanding mobile PC market, and which offers mobile users add-on peripherals that are powerful, flexible and user-friendly. As a public listed company / manufacturer in Taiwan, Billionton has 6 SMT lines, over 250 employees. Product line includes USB Flash Drive, SD memory card, MMC memory card, Bluetooth, Wireless LAN, Built-in modem modules for Notebook Computers, and other peripherals.

For more information, visit <http://www.billionton.com.tw>

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