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**DATACARD GROUP RELEASES NEW VERSION OF ITS BEST SELLING ID WORKS®
IDENTIFICATION SOFTWARE**

Available in five languages, new software offers increased security, extensive usability and productivity enhancements

Las Vegas, Nev. — April 12, 2005 — Datacard Group, the world leader in secure ID and card personalization solutions, today introduced a new release of its industry-leading Datacard® ID Works® identification software today at the CardTech/SecurTech Conference and Exhibition. Now available in English, French, German, Japanese and Spanish, the software features Unicode support for global languages and advanced security and ID management features.

“Datacard Group is committed to continuously improving our software to meet the needs of ID card issuers worldwide,” said Mike Schnaus, vice president of marketing and corporate development for Datacard Group. “This expanded language offering, combined with Unicode support for global languages, simplifies and enhances this solution for our diverse customer base,” said Schnaus.

ID Works software v5.1 gives administrators increased control over the security of their card programs, including the ability to grant users varying levels of access to settings and projects, monitor activity, and set login timeouts.

In addition, the software supports Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), allowing security professionals in enterprise organizations to automatically manage and update ID information in a directory service. For ID card programs requiring advanced security, Datacard® ID Works® Enterprise identification software v5.1 supports biometrics and smart cards.

Datacard Group offers the world’s best-selling secure ID and card personalization solutions. The company’s portfolio includes systems for high-volume card issuance, card delivery, secure ID issuance and passport production, plus extensive service and supply offerings. Datacard Group serves customers in more than 120 countries (www.datacard.com).