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DATACARD GROUP INTRODUCES NEW VERSION OF ITS INDUSTRY-LEADING ID WORKS® IDENTIFICATION SOFTWARE

New software offers expanded security features, ease-of-use enhancements and Unicode language support

Dallas, TX— September 27, 2004 — Datacard Group, the world leader in secure ID and card personalization solutions, introduced a new release of its bestselling Datacard® ID Works® Identification Software today at the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) Seminar and Exhibition in Dallas, Texas. New features include increased security, extensive usability and productivity enhancements and Unicode support for global languages.

“We’ve expanded the flexible, modular design that made ID Works the industry standard for identification software,” said Mike Schnaus, vice president of marketing and corporate development for Datacard Group. “These new features further enhance the functionality and usability required by ID card program issuers,” he said.

ID Works v5.0 gives administrators increased control over the security of their card programs. This includes the ability to grant users varying levels of access to settings and projects, monitor activity and set login timeouts. In addition, ID Works v5.0 supports Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), allowing security professionals in enterprise organizations to automatically manage and update identity information in a directory service.

Also included in ID Works v5.0 are a variety of usability and productivity enhancements, including an improved photo adjustment wizard, thumbnail previews of photo and graphic files and multi-record table views, that make it easier than ever to manage ID card programs.

“As part of our efforts to continuously improve our software and address our customers’ changing needs we designed ID Works v5.0 from the ground up to provide worldwide language support,” said Schnaus. “New Unicode support for data entry, storage and printing greatly simplifies the use of our solutions for customers in regions like the Middle East, Asia and Eastern Europe, which have additional character sets to support,” he said.

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 supplies offerings (www.datacard.com).