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CRU-DataPort™ demos industry's first internal/external 2.5" encryption drive enclosure at FOSE 2005

***— Hot-swappable DataPort® 25ec gives PC users the flexibility to use,
move and share data while keeping it totally secure —***

VANCOUVER, Wash. (April 5, 2005) – CRU-DataPort™, developer of data security and storage devices since 1986, will demo the industry's first internal/external, 2.5" encryption drive enclosure at FOSE 2005 (booth #3735).

The **DataPort™ 25ec (Encrypted Chameleon)** gives computer users the flexibility to use, move and share data while keeping it totally secure. Based on an earlier version, which is being designed into homeland security systems to protect intelligence information and other sensitive data, the DataPort 25ec was developed in direct response to requests from government users who needed a removable drive that could be used remotely while still maintaining a high level of data security. As a result, the DataPort 25ec will help organizations comply with the multitude of new government data security regulations such as FISMA, HIPAA, Gramm-Leach-Bliley, Sarbanes-Oxley, and others.

The hot-swappable DataPort 25ec is a removable 2.5" drive carrier featuring a hardware-based encryption engine and USB 2.0 and FireWire interfaces. Available in 64-bit DES and 128-bit TDES encryption modes with government-validated algorithms, the palm-sized DataPort 25ec can function as both an internal/removable and external drive enclosure and is ideal for systems where space is at a premium.

"This is the first solution that completely protects computer data, whether it's residing on the 'home' system or being taken out into the field," said Jon Johnson, CRU's executive director of marketing.

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"Today's vast array of mobile computing devices means people are toting around all kinds of confidential information, and federal and state governments are responding with new legislation designed to protect that sensitive data. Much of the encryption technology currently available is software-based, can be complex and expensive, and drains system resources. It also typically focuses on select data or data *in transit* rather than all data residing on the hard drive. Our hardware-based data encryption solution encrypts the entire hard drive, offering speed, security and convenience that software can't provide, and there's zero impact on machine performance.

"This is military-grade data protection that soon will be available to virtually anyone."

The DataPort 25ec completely encrypts all data – including the file allocation table and virtual memory – before it reaches the disk drive. The encryption/decryption process is invisible to users because there are no commands or Graphical User Interface (GUI) to contend with. Its custom-designed high-speed processor boasts data transfer rates of up to 1.6 gigabits per second; virtually identical to that of non-encrypted systems. Providing highly secure user authentication and access, the DataPort 25ec features a unique electronic key with several customizable key management options. Additional specifications include: cryptographic engine validated by NIST and CSE to FIPS 46-3, USB frame to support hot swap functionality, and 25,000 insertion-rated connectors.

CRU will begin beta testing the DataPort 25ec in April with a select group of government sector users. Demonstrations at FOSE 2005 may be scheduled by calling Johnson at (503) 887-3312 or Andrea Wynn at (360) 816-1743.

About CRU-DataPort™

Founded in 1986 and based in Vancouver, Wash., CRU-DataPort™ develops and markets computer data security and storage devices. The company's DataPort™ brand of removable hard drive enclosures has become the de facto standard for physical data security and drive removal in government, education and corporate information technology departments. CRU-DataPort products are available through major distributors, OEMs, VARs and a host of resellers and systems integrators throughout the United States and abroad. For more information, please visit www.CRU-DataPort.com.

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