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**CRU-DATAPORT™ PREVIEWS NEW VERSATILE STORAGE ENCLOSURE
AT REAL-TIME & EMBEDDED COMPUTING CONFERENCE**

Ideal Storage Device for A/V editing, desktop publishing, cross platform file sharing, data archiving and backup

VANCOUVER, Wash. (Nov. 18, 2004) – CRU-DataPort™, developer of data security and storage devices since 1986, announced a new addition to its product line; the **DataPort HotDock™**, an external desktop storage enclosure that uses DataPort V removable hard drive carriers to enable users to swap between multiple IDE hard drives, wherever and whenever they want, with almost any laptop, desktop or server.

The HotDock features both USB 2.0 and FireWire interfaces making Plug-and-Play installation easy on both PC and MAC systems. There's no need to power down your computer to *Hot-Swap* between drives giving you access to your entire digital library. The HotDocks' space saving design allows it to be stacked or positioned vertically and includes a low-noise cooling fan to protect fast running drives. The DataPort HotDock includes both USB and FireWire cables, plus a power supply and begins shipping later this month.

"The DataPort HotDock supplies the critical difference in data storage for A/V editing, desktop publishing, cross platform file sharing, data archiving and online backup," said Jon Johnson, executive director of marketing for CRU-DataPort. "It's plug and play nature makes it simple to use, but even more importantly, it's non-proprietary design means you can use any standard hard disk media you want and still have the ability to Hot-Swap between multiple drives in the middle of your creative process."

Accessories include additional DataPort removable Drive Carriers, lightweight DataPortable™ carrying cases and DataPort Receiving Frames which mount into any standard 5.25" *half-height* computer bay, enabling full IDE ATA 133 MB/sec transfer rates. USB 2.0 and FireWire 400 support transfer rates up to 480 Mb/sec and 400 Mb/sec respectively and standard USB cabling allows connecting the device up to 16 feet away from the computer.

CRU will display the new DataPort HotDock at the Real Time & Embedded Computing Conference on November 18, 2004 at the SeaTac Airport Conference Center in Washington. For more information or to arrange an appointment, please contact Jon Johnson at (360) 816-1740 or jjohnson@CRU-DataPort.com.

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 about CRU-DataPort, visit www.CRU-DataPort.com.