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**CRU-DATAPORT™ INTRODUCES BUILT-IN DATA ENCRYPTION ON SELECT  
REMOVABLE HARD DRIVE ENCLOSURES**

***Private, Public Sector Now Can Have Military-Level Protection Of  
Sensitive Computer Data***

VANCOUVER, Wash. (March 15, 2004) – CRU-DataPort™, a developer of computer data security and storage devices since 1986, announced the availability of its first removable hard drive enclosures with built-in data encryption. **Encryption DataPorts**, available in DES and Triple DES (TDES) versions, help prevent unauthorized access to sensitive computer data.

Private and public sector organizations that deal with sensitive or confidential information – such as government agencies, hospitals and medical offices, and financial institutions – now can have affordable military-level protection of their computer data with Encryption DataPorts. The new removable drive enclosures completely encrypt all data going to the disk drive, including the file allocation table and virtual memory. They feature a custom-designed, high-speed processor that encrypts data before it reaches the IDE hard drive and requires a unique electronic key – with several customizable key management options – for user authentication and data access.

“At no other time in the history of IT has protecting information from viruses, unlawful disclosure, thieves and hackers been as critical,” said Jon Johnson, director of sales and marketing for CRU-DataPort. “DataPort removable drive enclosures have always allowed our customers to easily take their data off-line and now, with the added security of encryption, that data can be secure when you’re away from the PC, while the drive is being transported, or even if the entire computer is stolen.”

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Encryption DataPorts utilize a cryptographic engine certified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Communications Security Establishment (CSE) and are compatible with any operating system that supports IDE hard drives. Their 100 percent silicon-based technology will not degrade system performance and is dramatically faster than PCMCIA, Smart Card and software solutions, processing data at up to 1.6 gigabits per second. The products are available in 40-bit and 64-bit DES versions and 128-bit and 192-bit Triple DES (TDES) versions, the latter of which are encryption levels approved by FIPS (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication Series) for use by U.S. government agencies.

CRU will display its Encryption DataPorts at booth #3735 at the upcoming FOSE government information technology trade show, March 23-25, 2004, at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. For more information or to arrange an appointment, please contact Jon Johnson at (360) 816-1740 or [jjohnson@cru-dataport.com](mailto: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](http://www.cru-dataport.com).

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