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## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Datakey Electronics Launches USB Version of Universal Reader/Writer – Works with ALL Datakey Electronics’ Serial Keys!**

**Burnsville, Minnesota, December 15, 2003** – Datakey Electronics, Inc. has started shipping the new KeyLink™ Iiu, a multi-protocol stand-alone, universal serial key reader/writer that connects to a PC or host hardware via a USB port. It requires no external power supply and is USB 1.1 and 2.0 compliant. The reader utilizes a USB to Serial converter chip and installs a virtual COM port after it is connected.

The KeyLink Iiu is compatible with the Serial Development Kit which allows customers to use either USB or Serial port readers without making changes to their application. The KeyLink Iiu reader works with ALL current models of Datakey Electronics serial memory keys including LCK, ISK, SFK, SSK, and the new IIK Series (with copy protection features).

*“The Keylink Iiu fills a gap in our peripheral reader line,”* commented Scott Gardeen, System Applications Engineer, Datakey Electronics. *“The USB reader also addresses the continuing decrease in serial port availability on many portable PC’s and other related devices.”*

The KeyLink Iiu is used in application development and for programming and re-programming the keys. This convenient, stand-alone peripheral device allows Datakey Electronics’ customers to easily upgrade or change the type of serial key they use--without buying a new reader/writer. The KeyLink Iiu Reader/Writer comes with a USB cable, user manual, configuration and demo software, and mounting accessories.

The KeyLink Iiu is also available with the new Serial Software Development Kit which helps a programmer integrate keys or tokens into new applications. The software developed with



the Serial Development Kit will allow a user to program a key (or token) that will interface with the supplied Keyceptacles® (or token receptacles). Datakey Electronics provides the appropriate mating receptacles in the new Serial Development Kit to allow programmers/designers to quickly create a functional product model.

### **About Datakey Electronics, Inc.**

Datakey Electronics, Inc. manufactures products for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), consisting of proprietary memory keys and other custom-shaped tokens containing re-programmable non-volatile memory. Datakey Electronics' products are a convenient, rugged way to carry electronic data and to control access. These products are used world-wide in hundreds of military and commercial applications, cost-effectively providing a reliable way of storing and transporting electronic information where conventional methods would not survive.

Datakey Electronics, Inc. has a world-wide base of customers including Microsoft, General Dynamics, Raytheon, Siemens, New York Health and Hospital Corporation, Gasboy, governments and other multi-national corporations.

Datakey Electronics, Inc. uses the latest electronic memory technology and manufacturing techniques to provide both off-the-shelf and custom products. Datakey Electronics products solve difficult data transportation problems, security problems, and access control problems. These products are packaged in convenient key and custom-shaped tokens and are supported by a full line of peripherals for programming and access. Design services are available for custom products and system applications.

Datakey Electronics, Inc., based in Burnsville, MN, is a minority woman-owned business with a complete manufacturing facility and substantial capacity for production growth.

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