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Rapid Prototyping Service Puts NEW Key Functionality in Your Hand in Just Days!

Burnsville, MN March 26, 2003 – Datakey Electronics, Inc. manufactures products for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), consisting of proprietary memory keys and other custom-shaped tokens containing 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' ProtoKey™ Service is perfect for testing the functionality of a new chip or feature, to make a design change or improvement, or to explore new technology.

"This service allows us to respond to a customer's need in a matter of days instead of weeks," commented Jeff Daniel, Business Development Manager, Datakey Electronics. *"Our customers' time-to-market is reduced since their engineers can explore new applications with a much faster turnaround."*

Datakey Electronics populates a customer-requested TSSOP, SOIC or DIP integrated circuit (IC) onto the exposed circuit board on the specially molded ProtoKey. Next, jumpers are populated to connect the IC's leads to the appropriate redundant contacts on the key's shank. Finally, the key head is filled with epoxy to protect the underlying components. While not as rugged as Datakey Electronics' fully over-molded keys, the ProtoKey is perfect for proof-of-concept and development work.

Datakey Electronics supports the ProtoKey with a complete set of peripheral components. It is compatible with Datakey Electronics' KC4210 Series of panel mount or PC board mount Keyceptacles®. When customers prototype using a Microwire®, I²C, or SPI serial memory, the

ProtoKey is supported by Datakey Electronics' new KeyLink™ IIs Reader/Writer and Serial Memory Development Kit.

About Datakey Electronics, Inc.

Datakey Electronics, Inc. has a world-wide base of customers including Microsoft, General Dynamics, Raytheon, Siemens, New York Health and Hospital Corporation, Gasboy, and many 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 and boasts a complete manufacturing facility with substantial capacity for production growth.

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