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Plasmon Announces Multi Drive Support for DVD/CD libraries

Cost-effective, enterprise class archival storage

Denver, CO, January 30, 2003 – <u>Plasmon</u>, The leader in professional data archival solutions, today announced the integration of multi-function DVD/CD drives (a.k.a. Multi Drive) across their entire range of DVD and CD libraries.

Both the Enterprise D and the new D-Series product families will begin shipping with Multi Drives starting March 3, 2003. Each Multi Drive is capable of reading and writing DVD-R, DVD-RAM, DVD-RW, CD-R and CD-RW formats. The new D-Series libraries have received other significant upgrades and improvements including a standard LVD interface, which provides greater SCSI cable length. The new D-Series library comes with a burgundy colored front door, the same color as the recently released Enterprise D.

D-Series library slot counts and capacities continue to range from 80 slots/376GB to 480 slots/4.1TB of DVD media and the Enterprise D continues to scale from 750 slots/7TB to an industry leading 2175 slots/20TB.

"Multi Drives are designed to support a broad range of optical media which makes our storage solutions even more flexible and cost effective. Customers can now choose between multiple formats without concern for the drive type in the library," said Shawn Klein, Director of Optical Product Marketing for Plasmon USA. "Users of DVD-R media will be especially pleased to see a price reduction due to the introduction of the new Multi Drives, as well as the improved recording speeds. Both the Enterprise D and the new D-Series libraries continue to deliver the most cost effective, scalable and flexible DVD/CD storage solutions in the industry."

Support for Plasmon's D-Series libraries, from key partners and major Independent Software Vendors (ISV's) includes ADIC, Fuji Medical, GE Medical, Hitachi Medical, IXOS, K-PAR, KOM Networks, Legato Systems, Pegasus, PoINT Software, Philips Medical, QStar, SGL, Seven Ten Software, Siemens Medical, Toshiba Medical, and Tivoli. For more information regarding Plasmon's new D-Series DVD/CD libraries, software support or additional solutions, visit <a href="http://www.plasmon.com/www.plasmon/wwwww.plasmon/www.plasmon/wwww.plasmon/wwww.plasmon/www.plasmo

About Plasmon

Founded in 1987, Plasmon is an international business specializing in the design and manufacture of high-end removable data storage solutions and has been listed on the London Stock Exchange since 1996 (LSE: PLM). Worldwide, Plasmon has over 500 employees and annual sales revenues in excess of \$100m.

Plasmon's world-wide headquarters are in Cambridge in the UK where the company develops and manufactures 12-inch optical disk products at its ISO-9001 certified facility and provides specialist technology consulting to the CD-R and DVD rewritable manufacturing industry. Storage management software and network attached storage products are also developed in the UK. European regional sales offices are located in Munich, Paris, Milan and Antwerp. Plasmon also manufactures optical disc masters in Caen in northern France. In Europe, contact Plasmon at: Whiting Way, Melbourn, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 6EN; tel: +44 (0)1763 262963 fax: +44 (0)1763 264444

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In the USA, Plasmon develops and manufactures magneto optical, DVD/CD and tape libraries and optical disk drives at its ISO-9001 certified facilities in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Plasmon is the leading manufacturer of 12-inch optical disk drives and media and also supplies a wide range of storage solutions based on 5.25-inch MO, DVD/CD and LTO/AIT tape storage technologies. Typical end-users of Plasmon products include banks, hospitals, insurance companies and government departments where the secure archival of large amounts of data are primary requirements. In North America, contact Plasmon at: 400 Inverness Parkway, Englewood, Colorado; tel: 800.451.6845 or 720.873.2500.

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