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Benchmark and AssureTec Partner to Deliver ID Validation System to Financial Services Industry

Leading-edge offering will significantly reduce document fraud and identity theft at bank branches, credit unions, and other institutions

Atlanta, GA and Manchester, NH, July 27, 2004 – Benchmark Technology Group, Inc., a premier solutions provider in the finance industry, today announced a strategic partnership with New Hampshire-based AssureTec Systems, an innovative developer of I.D. document-authentication systems.

Through the agreement, Benchmark will market AssureTec's state-of-the-art AssureID™ document-validation system to financial services institutions who are looking to strengthen their security processes, reduce losses, prevent identity fraud and meet emerging compliance regulations (including the Patriot Act).

The partnership comes at a time of increased concern about identity theft: within the last year alone, 10 million Americans were victimized by identity theft at a cost of \$50 billion. The U.S. Congress is so concerned about the problem that it recently passed a new identity theft bill, including stiff penalties for violators.

As a leading provider of branch automation solutions to the nation's financial services industry, Benchmark is ideally suited to help banks, credit unions and other institutions use new I.D.-authentication technologies like AssureTec's. Since Benchmark is already a leading distributor of hardware that reads the magnetic stripe data on credit cards, debit cards, and passbooks, its AssureTec partnership will enable it to provide financial services institutions with an additional, powerful tool to validate I.D. documents before fraud can even take place.

The AssureID system features a self-contained unit that authenticates thousands of documents – including driver's licenses, passports, visas and national ID cards – in less than five seconds. It

examines all document features to provide a high degree of security, and requires no keyboard interaction or extensive training to operate. Its open architecture accommodates integration with third-party applications for data and image capture, biometric data comparison, and next-generation security features. The AssureID system can be easily integrated into server-based applications and bank automation software systems. It is designed to readily fit into the bank branch environment.

"Our system provides a new state-of-the art security option for banks and other financial institutions," says Bruce Reeves, CEO of AssureTec Systems, Inc. "The partnership with Benchmark will put our solution front and center in the financial services arena where much of today's fraud and identity theft is taking place."

"Benchmark has built its reputation on offering financial institutions unparalleled product options and technology expertise," said Don Barnes, Benchmark owner and president. "AssureTec's identification solution complements our product suite and enables us to strengthen our offering to financial services companies around the country."

About Benchmark Technology Group:

For 20 years Benchmark has been a leading provider of branch technology solutions for financial services institutions across the nation. They offer a complete line of branch automation equipment, middleware and software, and Web-based asset management services. Benchmark's total systems design, integration, implementation and support includes custom solutions and expanded offerings in response to customer requests.

Benchmark's unique Branch Automation Software Suite includes teller, platform, safe deposit and BSA compliance applications. Having developed its own Web-based Technology Lifecycle Management (TLM) solution, Benchmark offers simplified project logistics and control over technology assets. All Benchmark products and services are backed by 24/7 support. Benchmark is headquartered in Georgia with six additional locations throughout the nation. For more information, visit www.Benchmark-us.com

About AssureTec Systems:

AssureTec Systems develops real-time identity-management security solutions for border management, transportation security, and commercial markets while managing and protecting personal privacy in the process. Its products, which include the AssureID™ system, reduce identity fraud through automated I.D. classification, rules-based biometrics, document-

authentication tools, and keyless-entry data interfaces. The company is based in Manchester, N.H. For more information, visit: www.assuretec.com.

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