

Datamark Considers Conversion To Income Trust

Toronto, Ontario – January 19, 2005 – Clairvest Group Inc. (TSX:CVG) today announced Datamark Systems Group Inc. (TSX:DMK) is exploring the possibility of reorganizing into an income trust. Datamark is 36.5%-held by Clairvest.

Datamark has retained legal counsel to advise it on possible structures for conversion. Any reorganization would be subject to approval by Datamark's shareholders. There can be no assurance that any conversion transaction will occur.

Datamark's management and board of directors believe an income trust structure could benefit the company and its shareholders by providing a capital structure that is more efficient and more tax effective. The business operations of Datamark would be unaffected by the reorganization and would continue to be managed by the current senior executives and employees of Datamark.

Clairvest Group Inc. is a Canadian merchant bank that invests its own capital, and that of third parties, through Clairvest Equity Partners Limited Partnership in companies that have the potential to generate superior returns. In addition to providing financing, Clairvest contributes strategic expertise and execution ability to support the growth and development of its investee partners. Clairvest realizes value through investment returns and the eventual disposition of its investments.

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