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Optical Disk Doubles Archival Life

Removable Disk Protects 23GB on WORM or Rewritable Media.

Yorktown, Virginia, February 24, 2004 -- Cybernetics has added Sony's new PDD blue laser optical technology to its line of performance data storage products. PDD removable disk drives are available in iSAN™ Ethernet network attached configurations, as well as direct SCSI attached subsystems.

iSAN™ models can be attached directly to the Ethernet network for shared access among multiple servers. As a precision archival drive, the PDD enhances Cybernetics' HSTC™ with a Disk-to-Disk-to-Removable Disk strategy for the ultimate protection of the most critical data. Data is available in high-speed cache for immediate restore, and is archived to the most durable media available for long term storage.

Available as Rewritable and/or Write Once (WORM) media, the removable optical disks have a shelf life of more than 50 years. While magnetic tape media generally has a life expectancy of more than 20 years, it cannot maintain data integrity for more than a couple of years sitting idly on a shelf. To maintain top condition, all magnetic tape must be 'exercised' or traversed and rewound every couple of years. Optical media is expected to double archival life without any special handling.

With the promise of exceptional benefits in the durability and longevity of removable media, optical disk has been an extremely attractive data protection concept for years. Until now, optical disk drives have just not been able to sustain the capacity and data transfer rates necessary to be competitive in demanding IT data backup applications. With 23GB of disk capacity and 11MB/s throughput, the PDD achieves the performance for high capacity backup with exceptional benefits for preserving long term data.

Based in Yorktown, Virginia, Cybernetics manufactures, sells, supports, and services a complete family of tape and disk storage solutions. Established in 1978, Cybernetics is recognized in the United States and across the world as a pioneer in data storage technology and has become well known for its development of innovative features that vastly improve the performance of tape and disk subsystems while ensuring top reliability and interoperability of systems. For more information, contact Cybernetics at (757) 833-9000.

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