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“KORD[®] IT TO BE USED DOWN UNDER BY RAN”

CANBERRA — Friday, 26th August 2005 — WetPC Pty Ltd today announced that its innovative Kord[®] Interface Technology (Kord[®] IT) will be used to control Mine Countermeasure Underwater Computer Systems (MUCS) being developed for the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).

In June 2004, sublicensee Nautronix Ltd won a contract for the supply and support of MUCS under Navy minor project SEA1740. Through this project, MUCS will provide the RAN's Clearance Divers with a modern electronic means to navigate in open water, conduct searches in inshore waters, log hydrographic and contact data in real time and provide an acoustic communications capability, whilst submerged.

Kord[®] IT comprises a five-button keypad and chordic graphical user interface. RAN divers, guided by hand symbols on the MUCS display, push combinations of buttons (termed a chord) to perform a range of tasks – which can be done even whilst swimming.

WetPC Managing Director, Dr Peter Moran, said he was “delighted that Kord[®] IT had been chosen for Project 1740. The decision to use our interface technology demonstrates its overall flexibility, simplicity and ease of use in one of the harshest environments on earth”. He went on to say: “We expect that this will assist uptake of the technology in other defence markets both in Australia and world-wide”.

Following an initial developmental period where three concept demonstrator units will be designed and manufactured, production MUCS units will be progressively delivered by Nautronix to the RAN commencing in 2006. Fremantle-based Nautronix, has an exclusive licence from WetPC to commercialise Kord[®] IT for underwater defence applications.

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WetPC, which is based in Canberra, Australia, is commercialising Kord® IT under a worldwide exclusive licence from the Australian Institute of Marine Science. The technology is a generic human machine interface that was originally developed to enable research divers at the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) to control the WetPC® underwater computer. It comprises a 5-button hand held controller and a patented chordic graphical user interface (CGUI). The core of the CGUI, referred to as “What You See Is What You Press” (WYSIWYP) has been protected by patents lodged in some 20 countries.

Kord® IT enables fast control of mobile computing devices, with one hand, under any condition and without always having to look at a screen. It has application in a wide range of high-growth markets including: mobile phones, hand-held and wearable computers, PDAs, remote controllers, computer games, health care, avionics and telematics, defence, underwater computers, and interactive TV.

WetPC is privately owned and has been operating for approximately 6 years. It plans to use its interface technology to make mobile computing devices easier to operate, so that people can access and input information swiftly and in an intuitive manner – any where and any time. Its vision is that Kord® IT will become a common user interface on a broad range of mobile computing and electronic devices worldwide

WetPC has formed partnerships with a number of companies both within Australia and overseas. The core of the WetPC team includes: Sydney-based industrial design firm - Tiller + Tiller, and local companies – Ranicar Nicholls Consulting and Terry J. Newman Pty Ltd.

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