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KERI ANNOUNCES HID COMPATIBILITY

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San Jose, California - After much market anticipation and speculation, **Keri Systems, Inc.** confirms that a license agreement has been concluded with **HID Corporation**. This agreement allows the complete line of Keri's **Pyramid Series Proximity™ readers to be configured to read HID's proximity access control cards**, including the ProxCard II® and ISOProx II®.

Small, attractive and competitively priced, Pyramid Series Proximity readers are engineered using ultra-reliable surface mount components, backed by a lifetime warranty, and feature a distinctive four-state status LED (red, green, amber and off) and audio tone. The LED and audio tone can both be controlled independently by the access controller. The single-piece readers operate from 5 to 14 VDC at a current draw typically less than 90 mA and interface via industry standard Wiegand™ or magnetic stripe output formats, making them compatible with nearly every access controller available.

“In an industry that has traditionally been characterized by closed, proprietary technologies, we're excited to be partnering with HID to be amongst the first to provide users and dealers the benefits of a truly viable second source”, said **Dennis Geiszler, Keri's Vice President of Sales and Marketing**. “We feel strongly this move is consistent with our customer's expectations that Keri continue to be ranked amongst the world's leading manufacturers of access control products through our relentless pursuit of quality, technological innovation, and unparalleled customer service.”

Said **Joseph Grillo, Executive Vice President of HID Corporation**, “Our license agreement with Keri Systems will result in an even greater selection of products that share the common denominator of *Prox by HID™* proximity technology.” “We view this as a positive development, consistent with our mission of building a de-facto industry standard based around our patented RFID (radio frequency identification) technology.”

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Pyramid Series Proximity readers capable of reading standard formatted HID cards, as well as the complete range of Pyramid Series cards and tags, will be configured in Keri's factory. Readers with this inter-brand compatibility feature will be first available in March 2000 and will be differentiated from standard Pyramid Series readers by a label on the reader indicating it includes *Prox by HID* technology. A modest per reader license fee surcharge will be required for this enhanced feature.

Keri Systems is a world leader in providing small to medium sized systems to the commercial access control market. With Pyramid Series Proximity Keri is quickly becoming a leading provider of OEM proximity-RFID (radio frequency identification) readers, cards and tags for access control, time and attendance, and related markets.

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As an industry leader in card access technology, HID Corporation provides one of the broadest ranges of access control and asset tracking products available. HID pioneered many applications of RFID technology for security access control and is committed to providing the most advanced products combined with superior customer support and technical assistance worldwide.

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