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CBL DATA RECOVERY AND REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC
COLLABORATE TO ADVANCE DATA SHREDDING
TECHNOLOGIES

~ Tool to protect businesses and governments from exposing sensitive information on
discarded computer systems ~

SINGAPORE, 29th Oct 2007 - CBL Data Recovery Technologies (S) Pte. Ltd.
(www.cbltech.com.sg), Asia’s leading international provider of computer data recovery
services and Republic Polytechnic (RP), the first educational institution in Singapore to fully
adopt the Problem-Based Learning approach, announced today that they are collaborating on
the research and development of a tool that will rapidly and securely erase all data from
multiple hard disk drives. This advanced data eraser software utility, based on the CBL Data
Shredder program, will protect businesses and government by eliminating the risk to
exposure of sensitive information residing on discarded data storage devices.

The deletion of data and reformatting of hard drives does not remove the data from
computers contrary to many beliefs. Skilled hackers can retrieve files, even those deleted a
long time ago, using data recovery tools easily available on the market.

“Businesses and governments must prevent the data in their discarded computers from being
accessed,” said Ferhana Omar Ashiblie, General Manager, CBL Data Recovery Technologies
(S) Pte. Ltd. “Some government agencies take extreme measures and use huge grinders to
shred their discarded drives, chop old drives in half with an axe, or drive nails into them.
With the widespread adoption of RAID systems, CBL’s goal is to equip IT departments in the
region and abroad with an easy-to-use, effective and efficient tool to erase data from multiple
drives and to ultimately eliminate the embarrassment of having sensitive, confidential
information exposed or used by unauthorized individuals or organizations.”

The collaborative data shredding tool will be dedicated to the eradication of all previous data
entries and partitions and leave no trace of data on the user’s disk, thereby making it
impossible to recover any readable data previously on the disk. It will be compliant with
international data destruction standards and will include a selection of military-grade
procedures proposed by U.S. Department of Defense 5220.22-M Standard and well-known
information security specialists Bruce Schneier and Peter Gutmann. Subsequent phases of
development will include procedures proposed by German VSITR and the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police’s DSX.

The development of this advanced data wipe tool is being carried out by a team of final year
students and staff from the School of Information and Communications Technology at
Republic Polytechnic, with the guidance and contribution of CBL Data Recovery Technologies’ experts.

“Republic Polytechnic has always taken a unique approach to learning, where we seek to equip our students with the intellect, and practical skills needed to solve real world problems by engaging them in real world projects with the industry. With such a reputable industry partner like CBL Data Recovery Technologies, we are certain that our students will not only benefit from this collaboration, but also contribute something important and relevant to the industry today,” said Mervin Beng, Director of the School of Information & Communications Technology at Republic Polytechnic.

Mr. Mervin Beng (leftmost) and Ms. Ferhana Omar Ashiblie (rightmost) at the signing ceremony

About Republic Polytechnic

The first educational institution in Singapore to adopt the Problem-Based Learning approach for all diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic has five schools and two centres offering twenty nine diploma courses in Information & Communications Technology, Engineering, Applied Science, Technology for the Arts, Sports, Health & Leisure, Innovation and Enterprise, and Culture and Communication. Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving process skills and a life-long learning attitude. Its holistic, broad-based curriculum, covering culture, enterprise development and cognitive processes, prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society. Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various national and international accreditations, including People Developer Standards, ISO9001, ISO14001, OHSAS 18001, Singapore Quality Class, Singapore Innovation Class, and the Singapore Health Awards (Gold). For more information, visit www.rp.sg

About CBL Data Recovery Technologies (S) Pte Ltd.

Since the establishment of operations in Singapore in 2003, CBL Data Recovery Technologies (S) Pte Ltd. (www.cbltech.com.sg) has witnessed a growing demand for its data
recovery services and expertise both in Singapore and beyond its borders. Throughout the Asia-Pacific region, CBL provides individuals, governments and agencies, corporations and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with critical data recovery services. Third parties interested in becoming a CBL Data Recovery Advantage Partner can visit www.cblpartners.sg.

About CBL Data Recovery Technologies Inc. (www.cbltech.ca)

Founded in 1993 and globally headquartered near Toronto, Canada, CBL Data Recovery Technologies Inc. is a leading international provider of data recovery services. CBL employs proprietary techniques to recover data quickly and effectively from a wide array of affected media including hard drives, tapes, and other magnetic, optical and removable media. CBL offers services worldwide through its network of data recovery laboratories, customer service centers, and authorized partners in Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom and the United States.

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