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DATA I/O RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR PROGRAMMING INTEL FLASH MEMORY DEVICES

Redmond, Wash. – May 28, 1996 – Data I/O[®] Corporation today announced Data I/O's 3900 Programming System version 5.1 has successfully passed Intel's Memory Component Division (MCD) Programming Laboratory tests for data programming and erase functions for Intel's Flash memory devices.

In order to receive approval from Intel, the 3900 programmer had to meet extensive testing criteria to ensure it met Intel's specifications for programming Intel Flash memory devices. MCD's PROM programming testing consists of functional tests of Intel Flash memory products on a specified hardware and software programming platform. MCD tests the functionality of Flash erase, data-program and data-read algorithms using multiple data patterns.

"Intel has set some of the highest standards in the industry for its Flash memories," states Bruce Rodgers, director of marketing for Data I/O's Programming Systems Division. "Successful programming of Flash memories is a part of these standards. The exhaustive paces Intel puts the programmers through ensures that our mutual customers will receive the highest level of programming quality and efficiency."

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The 3900 programming system is a high-performance universal design programmer with universal socketing technology that minimizes the need for hardware fixtures. It supports FPGAs, PLDs, microcontrollers, and memory devices in DIP, PLCC/LCC and other packages.

Intel is the worldwide leader in Flash memory shipments. Intel, the world 's largest chipmaker, is also a leading manufacturer of personal computer, networking, and communications products.

Founded in 1972, Data I/O Corporation is the world leader in device programming and handling solutions, providing the most comprehensive product offering — from design through manufacturing of programmable integrated circuits. It is the first and only device programming systems supplier to receive ISO 9001 certification. The company, which is publicly traded (NASDAQ:DAIO), is headquartered in Redmond, Wash. and has sales and service offices worldwide.

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