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データカードグループによるデバイスフィデリティ社への出資 および戦略的提携について

データカードグループ(DCG、本社:米国ミネソタ州ミネアポリス)では、このたびモバイル決済アプリケーションをグローバルに展開するデバイスフィデリティ社(DF、本社:テキサス州リチャードソン)に対しダラス・ベンチャー・パートナーズ(DVP、本社:テキサス州ダラス)と共同出資を実施、モバイル決済分野の技術革新に参入する方針を固めました。

デバイスフィデリティは、プラグアンドプレイ*技術による近距離無線通信(NFC)開発を強みとしており、microSD 技術を利用してスマートフォンを非接触の決済端末に変換する『In2Pay[®]』ソリューション、世界初のスマートフォン向けモバイル決済ソリューション『moneto』、『In2Pay[®]』の iPhone 対応向けケース型デバイス『iCaisse』等を提供、世界中のスマートフォンユーザーに活用されています。

今回の提携を通じて、データカードグループはマイクロ SD 技術を利用してスマートフォンを非接触のモバイル決済端末に変換する、デバイスフィデリティの『In2Pay®』ソリューションを提供してまいります。

また、NFC 技術を応用してさらなる展開を図るデバイスフィデリティと、カード発行のハードウェアおよびスマートカードソリューションにおける技術で 40 年余りの実績を持つデータカードグループのシナジー効果により、今後一層の成長が期待されるモバイル決済の分野において、新しいソリューションを創出・展開してまいります。

*プラグアンドプレイ・・・ユーザーが特別な動作をしなくても、つないだだけで自動的に実行できる技術

デバイスフィデリティについて

デバイスフィデリティは、世界中の数百万規模の携帯電話で利用される様々な機関の展開するサービスやアプリケーションを、プラグアンドプレイ技術により増強しています。携帯電話に非接触という革新をもたらし、アメリカおよび複数の国際特許事務所において膨大な数の特許を取得しています。http://www.devicefidelity.com/

データカードグループについて

データカードグループは、40年余にわたり革新と顧客の成功に貢献している、セキュアIDおよびカードパーソナライゼーション(個人化)ソリューションのリーディングブランドです。専門的なサービスとサポートに基づき、世界中の金融業界・官公庁その他のマーケット向けにカード・セキュアIDのプログラム

を提供しています。

http://www.datacard.com/

Dallas Venture Partners について

DVP は、ダラスに拠点を置くベンチャーキャピタルファームで、強力なマネジメントチームと革新的技術を持ち合わせた、成長初期段階にある技術会社に対して投資を行っています。

http://dallasventurepartners.com/

日本データカードについて

日本データカードは、Datacard Corporation(米国ミネソタ州)を母体とする、2011 年で創立 30 周年を迎えたカード関連ソリューションのリーディングカンパニーです。決済カードから ID カード(身分証)、ロイヤリティカードまで、様々なアプリケーションのカード発行ソリューションを提供しています。

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Equity investment that includes Dallas Venture Partners (DVP) and Datacard Group solidifies a continued commitment to innovation in mobile payments.

MINNETONKA, **Minn.**—(Feb. 06, 2012)—Datacard Group, the world leader in secure ID and card personalization solutions, today announced an equity investment and strategic partnership with DeviceFidelity, Inc. – a company that develops Near Field Communications (NFC) based plug-and-play technologies, services and payment applications for mobile devices worldwide.

This partnership enables Datacard Group to offer DeviceFidelity's In2Pay® suite of solutions which use microSD technology to transform smartphones into interactive contactless mobile payment devices. Financial institutions and wireless carriers will now be able to easily issue consumers a credit, debit, prepaid or multi-account mobile wallet that can be used at contactless point-of-sale terminals.

"DeviceFidelity continues to drive the development of NFC-enabled technology and Datacard Group has extensive expertise in card issuance and smart card personalization, which makes the strategic partnership an ideal fit," said Deepak Jain, president and CEO of DeviceFidelity. "Our combined capabilities and expertise now enable a high volume, flexible and integrated NFC microSD issuance and mobile personalization model for our customers."

DeviceFidelity's patented In2Pay solution includes microSD cards, as well as the iCaisse—which is a microSD-enabled protective case for iPhones—that enable issuers to offer a variety of mobile payment solutions, giving consumers the flexibility to use their existing smartphone without having to change mobile phone providers or upgrade the device. The technology also fits with advanced multi-partner wallet programs that have a trusted service manager (TSM) infrastructure, and can be deployed independently from handset makers and telecom operators. In addition, it is fully compliant with payment networks – making it market ready and easy to deploy.

"This partnership effectively expands on Datacard Group's integrated Secure Issuance Anywhere™ platform, which provides our customers the freedom to manage programs exactly the way they want," said Russell St. John, senior vice president of global marketing for Datacard Group. "And, as NFC technology continues to be adopted throughout the world, financial institutions will have a great opportunity to capitalize on this by easily complementing their card programs without having to make major infrastructure changes to their existing processes. This enables continuity and consistency between issuing traditional plastic cards and new NFC-enabled applications."

Datacard Group is joined by Dallas Venture Partners (DVP) as an equity partner in DeviceFidelity. DVP is a Dallas-based firm whose mission is to become the financial partner of choice for technology companies seeking to build world-class businesses.

"Our goal is to invest in companies that can transform global markets and we feel that DeviceFidelity is strongly positioned to make a powerful contribution to the growth of mobile financial services throughout the world," said Matt Himelfarb, managing partner of DVP. We are excited about this investment and we look forward to working with Datacard Group to propel DeviceFidelity's growth."

About DeviceFidelity

DeviceFidelity, Inc. develops plug-and-play technologies that empower a variety of institutions to deploy their services and applications on millions of mobile phones worldwide. Its patent- pending In2Pay® microSD and In2Pay® iCaisse solution transforms popular mobile phones into an interactive contactless transaction device. Using this technology

DeviceFidelity launched moneto, the world's first commercially available mobile payment solution for iPhone and Android. Committed to bringing contactless innovation to the mobile phone, the company has numerous patents pending in both U.S. and international patent offices. DeviceFidelity is a private corporation with headquarters in Texas and offices in California and London. For more information about DeviceFidelity, visit http://www.devicefidelity.com, follow us on Twitter @DeviceFidelity or at facebook.com/DeviceFidelity. For more information on moneto visit http://www.moneto.me, follow us on Twitter @moneto_me or at facebook.com/monetome.

About Datacard Group

Datacard Group is building on a 40-year heritage of innovation and customer success. Our portfolio of solutions, backed by expert service and support, enable card and secure ID programs for financial, government and other markets worldwide. With an unmatched commitment to customer satisfaction, Datacard remains the industry's leading brand of secure ID and card personalization solutions.

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About Dallas Venture Partners

DVP is a Dallas-based venture capital firm that invests in early and growth stage technology companies with strong management teams and transformative technologies. The firm actively pursues investment opportunities in both seed and early stage institutional rounds. DVP's mission statement is to become the financial partner of choice for technology entrepreneurs seeking to build a world-class business, but the firm is open to partnering with other venture firms and investment groups depending on the opportunity.

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