



Industrial Engineering and Manufacturing Firm Deploys BIO-key Fingerprint

Biometric Authentication Solutions Following Password-Sharing Security Breach

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Wall, NJ, January 25, 2018 – **BIO-key International, Inc.** (NASDAQ: **BKYI**), an innovative provider of biometric software and hardware systems and consumer products offering strong and convenient security and user access, today announced receiving a purchase order from a machine design, engineering and manufacturing firm. The organization has deployed BIO-key's **EcoID fingerprint scanners** and **ID Director for Windows** software to secure access to shared workstations used by their factory and office personnel.

After suffering an internal security breach caused by employees sharing passwords, the customer reviewed their authentication process and moved to integrate a layer of biometric multifactor authentication for identity and network access management in order to eliminate existing password vulnerabilities. BIO-key's fingerprint biometric solutions also provide faster and more user-friendly network access that eliminates delays and help desk support related to password management, updates and resets.

BIO-key's EcoID fingerprint readers and ID Director for Windows software platform are natively integrated with Microsoft Windows 7 and 10 operating systems. BIO-key's ID Director for Windows software integrates with an organization's Active Directory allowing the program administrator to associate a biometric with each user's sign-in credentials, reducing or eliminating the reliance on passwords for personnel company-wide.

BIO-key's Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Rivera commented, “Organizations have been walking the password security tightrope for far too long. This contract validates the use case for BIO-key solutions to eliminate internal password vulnerabilities and prevent future security breaches. Data breaches are often assumed to come from external threats, however, over the last few years employee negligence has become known as a frequent but easily preventable cause. Fortunately, as more organizations recognize this vulnerability and come to understand the security and efficiency of biometric solutions, we are seeing growing interest in our solutions across a range of sectors.”

About BIO-key International, Inc. (www.bio-key.com)

BIO-key is revolutionizing authentication with biometric solutions that enable convenient and secure access to information and high-stakes transactions. We offer alternatives to passwords, PINs, tokens, and cards to make it easy for enterprises and consumers to secure their devices as well as information in the cloud. Our premium finger scanning devices, including **SideSwipe**, **SideTouch**, **EcoID** and **SidePass**, offer market-leading quality and performance. BIO-key has also launched a line of **TouchLock biometric and Bluetooth enabled padlocks**, including travel and bicycle locks, bringing the security and ease-of-use of biometric technology to a wide variety of applications – thereby providing even more ways to BIO-key your world!

BIO-key Safe Harbor Statement

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