



Molding & Tool Manufacturer Deploys BIO-key Fingerprint Biometric Authentication Solutions to Secure Factory and Administrative Network Access

Extends Base of Manufacturers Choosing BIO-key Biometric Authentication to Solve Online Security and Workflow Challenges

Wall, NJ, January 31, 2018 – **BIO-key International, Inc.** (NASDAQ: **BKYI**), an innovative provider of enterprise biometric software and hardware systems and consumer products offering strong and convenient security and user access, today announced that the trend of manufacturers deploying BIO-key solutions continues. A Midwest molding and tool manufacturer is implementing BIO-key's **ID Director** for Windows software to add a biometric authentication layer to Microsoft Active Directory, the company's network access protocol. The Company is also deploying **EcoID**, BIO-key's compact fingerprint scanner for Microsoft Windows Enterprise customers, to provide biometric authentication on individual and shared workstations.

BIO-key is seeing growing appreciation of the value of biometric authentication for manufacturing companies trying to address the security vulnerability of passwords as well as the administrative headaches and bottlenecks they can cause in factory workflow. Short-cuts, sharing, forgetting and casual storage of protected passwords, creates the potential for security breaches and workflow interruptions. While increased enforcement of complex passwords and regular password resets have improved security, this approach has frequently proven disruptive to operations and productivity.

Barbara Rivera, COO, BIO-key, "It should not surprise anyone that a solution developed decades ago, for an entirely different use case and environment, is neither effective nor relevant for security today. Our recent deployments in the manufacturing sector demonstrate that the security, ease of use and attractive cost of ownership of our biometric solutions are being recognized in mainstream America. We are actively working to highlight our growing base of biometric deployments to further stimulate additional demand from manufacturers as well as other enterprises facing similar challenges."

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, performance and price. BIO-key is now bringing the power and ease of use of biometric technology to its recently launched **TouchLock** line of biometric and Bluetooth enabled padlocks – thereby providing even more ways to BIO-key your world!

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management pursuant to the "safe-harbor" provisions of the Act. These statements are not guarantees of future performance or events and are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those included within or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, our ability to develop new products and evolve existing ones, customer and market acceptance of biometric solutions generally and our specific offerings, our ability to expand sales within existing customer relationships, and our ability to attract and retain key personnel. For a more complete description of these and other risk factors that may affect the future performance of BIO-key International, Inc., see "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. The Company undertakes no obligation to disclose any revision to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date made.

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