

Settec Chooses Eclipse To Implement CD-Audio & CD-ROM Copy Protections

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Pleasanton, California: Eclipse Data Technologies, the new leader in DVD and CD mastering formatters and software announced today that they have implemented support for Settec's new Alpha-Audio CD-DA and Alpha-ROM CD copy protections in their product offerings. This includes support on the Eclipse ImageEncoder formatter for LBR mastering, and EclipseSuite software used for analyzing, copying and verifying images in the manufacturing process.

Eclipse is the leading supplier of LBR formatters in the market, with the ImageEncoder formatter representing a majority of the new purchase and factory modernization installations. Their large installed base of formatters and a reputation for working closely with new developers is why Settec approached Eclipse to implement its copy protection schemes. Settec of Korea has been successfully developing copy protections, data security and rights management software since 1997. Settec's copy protections are used by many of the leading Korean and Japanese CD manufacturing facilities, including: Columbia Digital Media (formerly Nippon Columbia), LG International, Jeil Records and other manufacturers. In addition, Settec's copy protections are offered by manufacturers in the US and Europe. Settec's copy protections fulfill the need for a high-level security protection, while maintaining a wide-range of CD drive compatibility.

"With demand high for an effective CD Audio protection we needed to partner with a company that could provide a complete premastering, mastering and QC solution in a short time frame. During our early development efforts several key customers recommended we focus on implementing our protections with Eclipse because they were one of the few system providers to offer a complete solution for the manufacturing process. In addition, they had an excellent reputation for providing fast, comprehensive engineering solutions", stated Mr. Heecheon Lee, Strategic Business/Marketing Manager of Settec Korea. "When we approached Eclipse we found their engineering team to be very responsive, with the final results exceeding our expectations. More importantly, Eclipse was instrumental in Settec being able to install and qualify our new Alpha-Audio CD-DA copy protection with key customers on schedule."

Bob Edmonds, VP of Sales & Marketing for Eclipse, stated: "When approached by a company wanting us to assist in implementing a new copy protection, one of the first things we look for is if they have taken into account the mastering, manufacturing and quality process requirements for replicating their product. Our customers are not only interested the level of security provided by the product, but also want to make sure the tools exist to analyze and verify the protected images throughout the manufacturing process. Settec was able to demonstrate to us that they had not only considered these key factors, but addressed them in their development process. Settec's committed engineering effort contributed significantly to Eclipse being able to quickly implement their

protection technology ensuring they could meet their customer commitments on time."

About Eclipse

Eclipse, recognized as the new leader in DVD and CD mastering encoders and software is the recipient of three TapeDisc Business Magazine Technical Excellence Awards for 2002. The awards were presented for excellence and innovation for its EclipseSuite Software, ImageEncoder Mastering System and EclipseSuite CSS Verification Plug-In products. For more information about Eclipse and these products please visit their web site at www.eclipsedata.com.

Eclipse has built a reputation for technical excellence and world-class customer support with its line of pre-mastering, mastering and QC verification tools for the DVD and CD manufacturing industry.

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