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X-TEK APPOINTS NEW COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR

Tring, UK, 28 January 2003: X-Tek, one of the world's leading manufacturers of real-time microfocus x-ray systems and x-ray systems for NDT (non-destructive testing) applications, has announced the appointment of David Taylor to the newly-created position of commercial director with group-wide, global responsibilities.

David Taylor will play a key role in developing X-Tek's business globally with a priority being greater penetration of the key European, North American and Asia-Pacific markets. His remit will cover both microfocus specialist X-Tek Systems, traditionally strong in the electronics inspection market and specialist NDT division X-Tek Industrial.

With over twenty years experience in hi-tech industry, David has worked in a variety of financial and commercial roles including spells with Hadland Photonics and I-Tech Colour Graphics, both of which won Queens' Awards for Enterprise (Innovation) during his tenure. A Chartered Accountant by training, he first qualified whilst at Ernst & Young and has also worked within the Vickers Group.

Commenting on the new appointment, Roger Hadland, founder and managing director of X-Tek Group said: "David's appointment is a significant step forward in our plans to ensure X-Tek hits its ambitious objectives in the highly competitive global market for quality x-ray inspection systems."

About X-Tek Systems Ltd

X-Tek Systems is the premier manufacturer of real-time microfocus x-ray inspection equipment and high-resolution vacuum de-mountable x-ray sources. Its range of high quality microfocus x-ray systems offers high resolution, high-power, low maintenance and low cost of ownership. The X-Tek product range includes low cost bench-top systems, suitable for lightweight components, up to larger units with more complex functions, useful for inspecting electronic assemblies or engineering components in great detail.

X-Tek maintains a world-wide agent network and has a rapidly expanding international user base with installations throughout Asia, the USA and Western Europe. Major multinational companies using X-Tek equipment include AMD, Ericson, Ti, IBM, Motorola and ASAT.

X-Tek real-time microfocus x-ray inspection equipment is used in a wide range of applications including: Electronics; Semiconductor Packaging; Non Destructive Testing, Pharmaceutical, Medical Research; Automotive; Aerospace; Nuclear; Construction, Ceramics, Composites, Food, Defence and Security.

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