

## VENDTEK RETAINS HMS CONSULTING TO PROVIDE INVESTOR RELATIONS AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

**January 17, 2003** – VendTek Systems Inc. (TSX-V: VSI) (“VendTek”), a leading provider of automated transaction technology, is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with HMS Consulting (“HMS”) of Delta, BC to provide investor relations and corporate communications services.

HMS specializes in managing communication channels with the financial, media and retail communities for micro cap companies such as VendTek. Compensation for the services is \$4000.00 per month and the term of the agreement is initially for three months with an option to renew.

HMS has been conditionally granted an option to purchase 100,000 shares of VendTek at current market price subject to regulatory and/or shareholder approval.

Paul Brock, President, VendTek Systems Inc. said, “We would like to make the investment community more aware that VendTek is rapidly commercializing its e-Fresh technology and making the transition from a vending machine manufacturer to a developer and license provider of automated retailing technology. It is time to get the word out.”

### About VendTek

VendTek uses its market-leading expertise in payment and self-serve technologies, smart cards and networking to develop customer friendly systems for transaction automation. VendTek's secure proprietary systems reduce shrinkage and inventory requirements while concurrently improving consumer access to prepaid services.

VendTek through its new subsidiary, Now Prepay Corp., and in conjunction with various strategic partners is building an electronic, prepaid services network throughout North America based on VendTek's eFresh™ System which enables consumers to purchase prepaid services, such as cellular time, via POS and self-serve terminals connected to a central server rather than inefficient traditional distribution channels.

For more information on VendTek please contact Paul Brock, President, at (604) 944-9330 ext. 606 or [pbrock@vendteksys.com](mailto:pbrock@vendteksys.com). For more information on HMS Consulting please contact Samantha Haynes at (604) 940-2239 or [info@hmsconsulting.com](mailto:info@hmsconsulting.com).

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