

EMJ TO BUY SIDUS SYSTEMS

Guelph, Ontario. – January 22, 1999 – EMJ Data Systems Ltd. is pleased to announce that Sidus Systems Inc. and EMJ Data Systems Ltd. have reached an agreement whereby EMJ will acquire all of the shares of Sidus Systems Inc. Sidus filed for protection from creditors on January 20, 1999 under Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act. The creditors for Sidus will receive approximately the net asset value plus \$1.6 million, which EMJ will contribute. The shareholders of Sidus will be given approximately one share of EMJ for every 50 shares of Sidus that they own. The terms of the agreement need to be approved by the shareholders, creditors, Securities regulators, and the courts.

According to the President and CEO of EMJ Data Systems, Jim Estill, "EMJ is acting as a white knight in this situation. Because of our involvement, the shareholders of Sidus will get some recovery on their investment and the creditors will likely receive substantially more than they would have in the current situation. We will also be offering some of the Sidus employees jobs. I expect we will be able to retain \$20 - \$30 million of Sidus' sales, so it will be a win for EMJ as well."

Sidus Systems Inc. is a systems integrator and contract manufacturer for customers throughout North America. The company is ISO 9002 certified at its facility in Richmond Hill, Ontario. The Company provides a wide range of advance capabilities including design and procurement, custom manufacturing and technical services. Sidus Systems Inc. is a TSE listed company with sales last year of over \$100 million and approximately 100 employees. Sidus has a head office in Markham, Ontario.

EMJ Data Systems Ltd., headquartered in Guelph, Ontario, is a Canadian, publicly-owned distributor of computer products and peripherals. EMJ specializes in high performance products for Apple, Digital Audio/Video, Internetworking, Media Management, Point-of-Sale and UNIX. EMJ Data Systems Ltd. has branch offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal and Halifax, as well as two offices in the United States. EMJ trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol EMJ. Interested parties can reach EMJ through the Internet by sending e-mail to infocan@emj.ca or via the world wide web at <http://www.emj.ca>.

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