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EPSON LAUNCHES TWO NEW EPSON EP-SCAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT PARTNERS COMMITTED TO ELECTRONIC CHECK PROCESSING SOLUTIONS

Grapevine, TX, February 5, 2008 – Today Epson, the leading supplier of value-added branch banking solutions, announced the introduction of the Epson EP-Scan™ Certification Program and the Epson EP-Scan™ C1 Certification Program. Both programs are designed to ensure successful sales and installation of the company's new CaptureOne™ desktop scanner for back office branch check capture and remote deposit capture as well as the TM-J9000/J9100 scanner with integrated teller printer for teller check capture.

The new certification programs were developed to ensure that Epson check scanners are fully integrated with partner check electrification solutions -- including Point of Purchase imaging (POP), Back Office Capture (BOC), Account Receivable Conversion (ARC), Check 21 and Image Exchange— and that certified partners are equipped to sell, install and support Epson check scanners as an integral component of their payment processing solutions.

“Epson has teamed with the leading players in the payments market to provide customers with complete check electrification solutions,” said Bud Weist, vice president of sales and marketing, Epson System Device Group. “Our goal is to make it easier for customers to implement the software solution of their choice with the most reliable desktop small document scanner available today.”

Epson EP-Scan Certification Program

The most comprehensive program of its kind, the Epson EP-Scan Certification Program will equip certified resellers, distributors and OEMs to deliver complete hardware and software solutions for check electrification. Unlike traditional vendor certification programs designed to provide technical competence within a narrow product focus, Epson's approach strives to ensure the ultimate success of its

check scanning products by providing established market leaders with the highest level of product integration and support.

The Epson EP-Scan Certification Program is an extension of the Epson Scan21™ Certification Program the company introduced in 2004 to support its TM-J9100 teller scanner/printer. With the availability of the Epson CaptureOne check scanner in first quarter 2008, the program has been renamed and expanded to include the reseller's software integration certification and Epson endorsement of the partner's software platform, along with expanded sales and technical training.

Epson EP-Scan C1 Certification Program

The Epson EP-Scan C1 Certification Program was developed to help resellers successfully complete sales and installations of CaptureOne-based check imaging solutions. Similar benefits described in the EP-Scan certification program are available to partners to help increase their growth in the financial and payments markets.

About Epson Check Capture Technologies

Epson's TM-J9100 is the only device enabling both check capture and transaction receipt printing at the point of presentment. By integrating digital check and ID imaging and high-quality printing technology into a single compact device, Epson enables banks to capitalize on the tremendous cost-saving advantages of check electrification, while improving document handling and printing speed and dramatically lowering check processing costs and losses due to check fraud.

Epson's compact CaptureOne scanner delivers highly reliable, cost effective check scanning by incorporating RDM Corporation's progressive Magnetic Ink Character Recognition (MICR) method, delivering the best MICR read rate of any desktop scanner available today. Designed for back office branch capture and remote deposit capture applications, CaptureOne comes in both 30 and 60 documents-per-minute (DPM) versions and offers innovative features including electronic endorsement, built-in franker, double check detector to eliminate double check feeding, 100-check document feeder and industry-leading two year warranty.

Eligibility and Qualification

Both the Epson EP-Scan Certification Program and the Epson EP-Scan C1 Certification Program are open to all Epson EnvisionSM business partners, authorized distributors, as well as VARs who purchase Epson product through OEMs or distributors. To qualify, partners must demonstrate that check electrification solutions are a key component of their business plan and must also demonstrate

established technical support, integration and quality assurance capabilities. Partners must assign dedicated sales and technical staff to complete comprehensive training courses and actively support and pursue all financial and payments markets.

Epson performs certifications following a standardized process that ensures partners are qualified and able to maintain a dedicated commitment to the technology. For more information on the Epson EP-Scan and the Epson EP-Scan C1 Certification programs, and how to apply for certification, go to <http://pos.epson.com> in the Partner section. To find an Epson Certified Reseller, contact your Epson representative.

About Epson

Epson is one of the world's leading manufacturers of highly reliable point-of-service technology, including printers, precision printing mechanisms and digital image scanners. For the second year in a row, Epson has been ranked first in POS peripherals in the *RIS News* 2007 Hardware Leaderboard and the *Vertical Systems Reseller* 2007 Hardware Leaderboard. Founded in 1975 and headquartered in Long Beach, CA, Epson America, Inc. is the U.S. affiliate of Japan-based Seiko Epson Corporation, a global manufacturer and supplier of high-quality technology products that meet customer demands for increased functionality, compactness, systems integration and energy efficiency.

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