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Onnitech and SkyeTek Partner to Deliver EPC-Based Traffic and Parking Enforcement Solution for Government of South Korea

uWiz-4000 Handheld RFID Reader Incorporates Industry-Leading M9 UHF SkyeModule

Westminster, Colorado, USA, and Seoul, Korea, November 21, 2006 – SkyeTek, Inc., the leading provider of embedded RFID reader technology, and Onnitech Ltd, one of Korea’s leading providers of finished RFID readers, today announced availability of the uWiz-4000 handheld reader designed for traffic and parking enforcement. Due to severe traffic and difficult parking conditions, the Korean government has instituted an RFID-based rationing program that limits when owners can drive their vehicles. Onnitech’s uWiz-4000, with integrated wireless network connectivity, will be used by government personnel to determine whether automobiles comply with the rationing schedule.

“Korea is a world leader in its implementation of wireless technology into everyday life,” said Rob Balgley, CEO, SkyeTek. “The Korean government’s use of RFID to load balance commuters between automobiles and mass transit will reduce air pollution, time spent commuting, and expenditures on road / parking infrastructure. This use case is one of the many practical and powerful applications of RFID where a complex, labor intensive process is greatly automated and simplified.”

Via an EPC Class 1 Gen 2 tag affixed to each vehicle, the Korean government specifies certain days when owners are allowed to drive their automobiles within city limits. To enforce the program, government personnel will use Onnitech’s uWiz-4000 to read tags on parked cars to determine whether or not they are in compliance. The identifiers in tags of non-compliant vehicles are sent to headquarters via wireless backhaul to the enforcement agency’s network where processing of the infraction occurs.

Based on SkyeTek’s M9 UHF module, the uWiz-4000 provides tag support for EPC Class 1, Gen 2 and ISO 18000-6B standards. With power efficiency that enables the reader to last up to a week without recharging, the uWiz-4000 provides parking personnel with reliable reads at ranges up to one meter. The handheld device is the size of a small writing tablet, has a foldable antenna, and weighs just over half a kilogram, making it easy for officials to transport it for use across the city.

“SkyeTek’s Advanced Universal Reader Architecture is a tremendous advancement in RFID reader architecture and design,” stated Mr. Kong-Sik Lee, CEO, Onnitech Ltd. “It is an enormous task for the Korean government to track commuting patterns of its citizens, and we needed a partner who could help us develop the right solution for such an ambitious project. The M9 UHF SkyeModule was the only reader module that allowed us to achieve our aggressive cost, space, power, and performance requirements.”

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The M9 UHF SkyeModule, the world's smallest, least expensive EPC Class 1 Gen 1/2 and ISO 18000-6B/C OEM reader module that meets regulatory compliance requirements for the world's major markets including North America, Europe (ETSI 302 208), Korea, and Japan. Approximately half the size of a business card, the M9 was designed for embedded UHF applications such as item-level inventory, anti-counterfeiting, access control, handheld reading / encoding, and printing.

The M9 offers support for anti-collision, dense reader mode, security, and a broad array of EPC Class 1 Gen1/2 and ISO 18000-6B/C tags, including soon-to-be-released tags based on new Gen 2 silicon. As tag memory increases, customers will be able to leverage ReaderWare Security to provide privacy protection, anti-tampering, and anti-counterfeiting on generic tags without incurring additional cost. These features come standard in the M9 which is offered as a single, global SKU allowing the factory or end user to set which country mode it should operate in.

Customers can purchase SkyeTek's M9 as a module or ReaderWare license. Licensing also provides customers with access to the M9 ReaderDNA reference design, allowing them to integrate the technology directly into their product design and realize 40 – 70% cost savings as a result.



Pictured above: OmniTech uWiz-4000 Handheld RFID Reader

About SkyeTek, Inc.

SkyeTek, Inc. develops reader technology that enables the pervasive adoption of RFID as an embedded feature in existing products. Customers use SkyeTek's technology to create new applications for their product lines in areas such as anti-counterfeiting, configuration management, consumables authentication, item-level inventory, patient safety, patron management, contactless payment, and mobile data collection. SkyeTek specifically designed AURA to serve as the multi-frequency, universal reader architecture for embedded RFID applications. AURA's common architecture disaggregates the RFID reader into a ReaderWare software layer, optimized for broad tag support, reader intelligence and easy application integration, and ReaderDNA hardware reference designs, crafted to optimize read range / performance while exploiting Moore's Law for gains in cost, space, and power efficiency. SkyeTek offers its AURA-based products as

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