

Trakm8 Holdings PLC - Mutual Cooperation Agreement

RNS Number:3851D
Trakm8 Holdings PLC
23 May 2006

Embargoed until 7am

23 May 2006

TRAKM8 HOLDINGS PLC
('Trakm8' or 'the Group')

Mutual Cooperation Agreement

Trakm8 Holdings Plc (Trakm8), the AIM listed designer and developer of licensed GPRS based hardware and software for the vehicle placement and security market, and Punch International NV (Punch), the diversified technology group listed on the Euronext exchange and headquartered in Belgium, are pleased to announce a mutual cooperation agreement.

Punch owns a number of subsidiaries that operate under the name Punch Telematix, manufacturing and selling software, firmware, hardware and complete telematics systems to equipment manufacturers and end customers throughout Europe.

The objective of the agreement will be to seek competitive advantages within the telematics markets in the UK, US, South Africa and Europe. The Boards of Trakm8 and Punch expect to develop combined sales and marketing drive as well as initiatives to share technology and knowledge.

Important synergies that exist between the two companies will be cultivated by the pooling of resources. Key areas of cooperation include:

- * Marketing of the products of both companies within the respective territories
- * Development of a new STREAM software interface to accommodate the hardware of both parties
- * Joint R&D initiatives to identify and eliminate redundant or duplicate technologies and functionality
- * Joint ownership of any new IPR (intellectual property rights) as a result of these R&D activities
- * Combined purchasing power to achieve manufacturing cost savings
- * Support and resources from either party during a major new contract bid situation

This agreement improves the competitive positioning of both companies and opens the door to future collaboration in developing new products and services for as yet untapped markets. Both companies view this agreement as a first step towards this goal.

Cary Knapton, CEO of Trakm8, commented, 'This is an important step in the development of Trakm8 and one which we hope will see us become one of the leading telematics companies in the world. The combined know-how, product portfolios and territorial reach means we will be able to compete in areas we were unable to, prior to the agreement.'

'We believe Punch will bring important synergies to Trakm8 and look forward to a successful working relationship with them.'

Luc Lammens, CEO of Punch Telematix, stated, 'This agreement not only expands the geographical coverage of our commercial activities but also increases the scale, and therefore the efficiency of, our joint R&D efforts. It will strengthen our position as one of the European market leaders and creates significant opportunities for future growth.'

Wim Deblauwe, CFO of Punch, concluded, 'We are pleased to join forces with

Trakm8. This agreement is another milestone in the global roll out of our telematics cluster and one which is equally beneficial to both parties involved.'

-ends-

For further information please contact:

Trakm8 Holdings plc +44 (0)1747 858 444
Cary Knapton, Chief Executive Officer
Tim Couling, Finance Director

Punch International +32 (0)9 243 48 40
Wim Deblauwe, Chief Financial Officer

Tavistock Communications +44 (0)20 7920 3150
Christian Taylor-Wilkinson

About Trakm8

Trakm8 is a leading technology provider to the vehicle tracking and security market, based in Dorset in Southern England. The Company provides its hardware and software worldwide through distributors that allows vehicles and drivers to be monitored, to allow companies to manage deliveries and services, or track stolen vehicles down to 5 metres. For further information please go to: www.trakm8.com

About Punch International

Punch is a knowledge and technology provider 'par excellence', empowering all the companies within its group to create new technology that is marketable and profitable. Punch will apply all its knowledge and experience, and use its financial assets to help leverage potentially successful technology towards a higher level of maturity. Punch strives to meet its customers' quality, costs, delivery and service demands with total solutions and empowers its clients to reach and surpass their goals and to establish a sustainable competitive advantage within their markets and gain market share. This approach enables Punch to continuously increase added value for its stakeholders: partners, shareholders, clients, suppliers, and society.

Punch is listed on Euronext Brussels and is part of the NextPrime index.

All press releases and other information are available online at www.punchinternational.com and www.euronext.com.

This information is provided by RNS
The company news service from the London Stock Exchange

END