TANO-DRAGON PRELIMINARY PRESS RELEASE

TANO Corporation, of New Orleans, Louisiana, has entered into negotiations with Dragon Data, Ltd. of Wales, United Kingdom, to manufacture and market the DRAGON line of microcomputers and accessories. Dragon Data, Ltd., a privately held U.K. corporation, is located in Wales.

TANO Corporation is a publically held company which designs and manufactures computer-based systems for the marine and oil and gas industries. Additionally, the company markets an Apple^{TM} compatible microcomputer. TANO sales revenues in 1982 were in excess of $31 million.

TANO and Dragon Data have signed a letter of intent and plan to complete a joint venture agreement shortly. The joint venture concern will market the new computer, its peripherals and future products.

The first product, the TANO Dragon 64, is a 64K microcomputer that comes standard with serial and parallel interfaces, a connection for a standard color television or a color monitor, connections for game paddles, and an expansion port. The standard language is Microsoft^{TM} Extended Color Basic, which requires 16K of RAM. The microcomputer will support OS-9 and two other operating systems, which allow use of the computer's 64K of memory.

The joint venture will support an optional disk controller and drives, and most of the current software and peripherals available in the United Kingdom. In addition, the company will sponsor an aggressive program to encourage individuals and software publishers to write or convert popular programs to run on the new machine.

Additional information can be obtained from

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