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EarthWalk Showcases Low Energy Power Solutions for Mobile Computing at eLearning Africa 2008

Manassas, Virginia – USA – EarthWalk Communications, Inc. will showcase its full line of energy-efficient mobile computer labs with power management and battery recharging solutions at eLearning Africa 2008. These innovations include EarthWalk's SideKick PowerPack "ALL DAY", universal, laptop battery and the FlexCart line of mobile wireless laptop labs, designed to be compatible with and enable continuous use of most major brands of laptops. Combining EarthWalk's mobile wireless labs and extended life battery solutions creates a *Total Energy-Efficient Solution* that will enhance access to information communication technology (ICT) for all, especially in rural areas.

In more than a decade of providing schools worldwide with mobile wireless computer labs and extended power solutions, EarthWalk has learned that creating a sustainable, technology-based learning environment means more than simply storing laptops in a cart. EarthWalk mobile wireless labs provide an affordable, flexible and energy-efficient solution that can operate successfully no matter the location or condition of the learning environment. Taking into account the variety of weather and environmental conditions of classroom settings around the world, EarthWalk's rugged equipment can sustain tropical climates, sand and heat, and its eBuddy semi-rugged laptops meet MIL 810F drop-test standards. EarthWalk solutions also require no additional infrastructure and run at 85% electrical efficiency.

To ensure that technology is integrated without interruptions caused by power outages, brown-outs, black-outs or depleted batteries, EarthWalk offers fully integrated mobile wireless computer labs that operate from one power outlet, solar panel or portable generator. Its SideKick batteries are designed to power a laptop without the use of electricity for a full school day, charging at night when less power is being consumed by the community. The trademarked one-plug power management system integrated into EarthWalk's mobile wireless labs eliminates the hassles of wires and reduces the consumption of electricity, allowing students and teachers to maximize their use of technology and their potential to excel in its applications.

With the debut of low-cost laptops into the education market, EarthWalk has designed two lightweight, lower-cost lines of mobile wireless laptop labs, the FlexCart and MiniMax. Ideal for classroom use in any location and designed with laptops such as the Intel ClassMate PC in mind, the lightweight FlexCart and MiniMax labs simultaneously store, charge and secure up to 36 laptops from one power source.

Although the price-point of laptops such as the ClassMate PC and XO is much improved, the issues of limited battery capacity, transport of the laptops and security are still major concerns. EarthWalk provides an all-in-one solution with its FlexCart line, which can accommodate up to 24 SideKick PowerPacks and charge all 24 laptops simultaneously. The MiniMax line provides maximum space savings for laptop storage and achieves 85% electrical efficiency when compared to traditional charging methods.

With one computer per child initiatives becoming a growing trend, deploying a proven low-cost solution with maximum efficiency is increasingly important. Schools facing many of the common constraints related to ICT accessibility typically lack the infrastructure to implement conventional desktop labs. EarthWalk has leveraged its global experiences deploying mobile wireless solutions to various learning environments and ensured that its technology is especially relevant and accessible.

"With the SideKick we can ensure that the student not only receives a computer, but can use it to multitask for an entire day," said EarthWalk President Peggi McConnell. "We are delighted to offer power solutions for Intel's ClassMate PC. It is further proof that technology can be easily integrated into the classroom making the 1-to-1 ratio of laptops to students not only accessible, but plausible."

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