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LOCUS RELEASES eWELL ON SYMBOL UNITS

WALNUT CREEK, Calif., October 3, 2002/Business Wire/ -- Locus Technologies (Locus), a global leader in environmental information management, announced today that they have released a new version of eWell, a PDA- and Internet-based application for recording water level data in the field. As part of its joint application development and marketing partnership with Symbol Technologies, Locus has committed to making all of its hand-held applications compatible with Symbol mobile computing devices. This new version of eWell, which runs on Symbol units, represents the first step toward this eventual goal.

eWell consists of two components: a standalone application which resides on the Symbol devices and a web-based module for uploading, downloading, and reviewing data. It can be used either as an independent application or in conjunction with LocusFocus(SM), Locus's environmental web portal. Users of eWell download route and historical water level information from the web onto their Symbol units. In the field, the Symbol units are used to record water level and other field readings as well as to compare current with past values. Users can also take advantage of the bar-coding capabilities of the Symbol devices to record well location and measuring equipment information.

Back in the office, data collected in the field is uploaded onto the web through cradle synchronization or wireless synchronization using Symbol units equipped with wireless technology, such as the Palm™-powered SPT 1800 series. Data is then reviewed for accuracy and completeness. After all checks have been completed, readings are moved to Locus's Environmental Information Management™ (EIM™) web-based database. This database can serve as the sole repository for this information, or firms can elect to download the data to their own corporate databases. eWell is currently being used on several large groundwater monitoring sites both in California and Nevada.

"The release of this new version of eWell delivers yet another powerful tool to Locus's arsenal of web-based technologies designed to lower the cost of data collection and management at environmentally impacted sites," said Neno Duplancic, President and CEO Locus Technologies.

About Symbol Technologies

Symbol Technologies, Inc. is a global leader in mobile data transaction systems, providing innovative customer solutions based on wireless local area networking for data and voice, application-specific mobile computing and bar code data capture. Information about Symbol is available at <http://www.symbol.com>, or by telephone at (631) 738-2400 or (800) 722-6234.

About Locus Technologies

Locus Technologies, an ENR-200 company, specializes in providing comprehensive consulting, design, information management, automation, and construction services for environmental and energy markets. For more information about the company, visit their web site at <http://www.locustec.com>.