TO THE WALNUT CREEK CDROM STAFF:

If a cdrom customer asks how he can plug a cdrom drive on his Atari ST computer you can fax or refer this customer to the following product and company.

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The LINK(TM)

An all new external SCSI host adapter for Atari ST computers

Rockford, Illinois, July 22, 1992 -- ICD, Incorporated, a leading designer and manufacturer of hardware enhancements for Atari computers, today announced The Link, a highly integrated external SCSI host adapter for all Atari ST computers.

For the past five years ICD has enjoyed an enviable reputation as the world leader of interfaces connecting Atari ST computers to SCSI devices. Not willing to rest on its laurels, ICD is always looking for ways to push the envelope for data transfer rates, to use the latest in hardware and software technology in order to continually redefine state-of-the-art in the Atari ST host adapter market. This path has given ICD customers the fastest possible hard drives, with uncompromising compatibility and speed at competitive prices.

The Link, from ICD, allows Atari owners even more flexibility in their choice of hard drives. The Link is an external SCSI host adapter designed to plug in to a standard 50 pin centronics style SCSI connector. In an attractively-designed molded case measuring just 2.5 inches by 3 inches and less than .75 inches thick (63x76x19 mm), The Link will fit into most any SCSI environment. The Link is powered by the termination line of the target SCSI device and will support up to 8 SCSI devices. This allows the use of external SCSI drives originally designed for the Apple Macintosh, IBM PC, Commodore Amiga, NeXT, Atari TT and Falcon, or most other standard SCSI drives with Atari ST, STE, Stacy, and STBOOK computers. Just plug and go. Since most drives require no modifications, The Link won't affect the drive manufacturer's warranty.

The Link, along with ICD's highly acclaimed software, also gives multi-platform computer owners unprecedented flexibility. If the SCSI drive is formatted under MS-DOS with FDISK, the user can directly read and write files from Atari computers under TOS using the ICD driver, IBM PCs running PC-DOS or MS-DOS, and Amiga computers running AmigaDOS 2.1 or later using the integral CrossDOS utility.

Thomas Harker, president of ICD, explained, "This is a real breakthrough in SCSI support for Atari ST computers. Not only is this a great value in hardware connectivity, but the software that comes with it is unbeatable. **CD-ROMs are now supported!** Since The Link supports extended SCSI commands we wrote MetaDOS drivers to support the SCSI-2 standard for **CD-ROM players**.

Floptical drives are now fully supported! With the Insite Floptical drive you can read and write IBM-compatible floppy disks at 720K, 1.4Mb, and 21Mb configurations on your Atari ST computer. Magneto-optical drives are also supported! We now support virtually all R/W optical drives in the 3.5 and 5.25 inch formats."

The ICD Link is competitively priced and will be premiered at the Atari Messe in Duesseldorf, Germany in August. ICD is taking orders now with shipments expected in mid-August. The Link comes with a full one year warranty.

For further information, contact Thomas Harker at ICD in the United States by phone (815) 968-2228 extension 120 or fax (815) 968-6888.