



Data I/O Completes Transformational Acquisition of V-TEK, Anticipated to Double Revenue

***Accretive Acquisition Adds Multiple New Markets and Significant Acceleration of
Programming-as-a-Service Offering***

Redmond, WA – October 21, 2026 -- Data I/O Corporation (NASDAQ: DAIO) (the “Company”), the leading global provider of data programming equipment, provisioning services and security provisioning for Flash-based microcontrollers, and high density memory devices, today announced that it has completed its previously announced transformational acquisition of V-TEK, Inc. and A&J Programming, Inc. (collectively, “V-TEK”), leading manufacturers of semiconductor handling automation for test and packaging solutions based in Mankato, MN.

“Closing this acquisition marks the first significant milestone set two years ago to expand markets we serve and expand the lines of revenue to make Data I/O a more resilient, profitable and growth-oriented company. The NEW Data I/O becomes real and is materially impactful to its financial performance and growth outlook,” said William Wentworth, President and CEO of Data I/O Corporation. “The acquisition is expected to be accretive to our existing operations. With the acquisition of V-TEK, we will diversify our revenue streams, reducing our reliance on the cyclical nature of the capital equipment markets. We have minimized our reliance on the automotive industry, more than doubled our revenue consolidated, which expands Data I/O into markets such as data center, AI, photonics, industrial automation, medical, military, aerospace and defense. We will continue to innovate and invest in new automation solutions for programming and test. V-TEK’s existing programming business let us accelerate Programming-as-a-Service. Just as important, we are shifting revenue mix adding software and services, which will play a more significant role in next year’s growth plan.”

“We are proud of what the V-TEK team has built, and we believe Data I/O is the right partner to take the business to its next stage,” said Bill Karol on behalf of the selling ownership group. “Our decision to take up to \$3 million of the purchase price in Data I/O stock, reflects our conviction in the combined company. With broader end markets, a growing service business and meaningful new scale, we believe there is the potential for significant upside ahead and look forward to participating in it as shareholders.”

“Each of our three companies brings a distinct strength, and together they are covering the data provisioning supply chain,” said Mitch Jacobs, President, V-TEK, Inc. and, following the acquisition, Senior Vice President, Data I/O Corporation. “V-TEK’s handling, test, inspection and packaging systems, A&J Programming’s service expertise and Data I/O’s programming and security technology fit naturally together. That combination lets us expand our solutions with modular and customized systems, flexible service offerings, and global distribution and on-site support. It’s a stronger offering for customers and a real growth platform for the business.”

Additional benefits from the acquisition of V-TEK include, but are not limited to, significant sales synergies across all revenue lines and channel partners, operating leverage synergies, and lower-cost domestic manufacturing,

tooling and other capabilities that will improve margins over time while increasing scale and scope for future growth. Following the acquisition, V-TEK will operate as a subsidiary of Data I/O.

Transaction Terms

Total consideration was approximately \$23 million, paid in a combination of \$20 million in cash and \$3 million in Data I/O common stock. A portion of the cash consideration came from the closing of the private placement announced on October 19, 2026.

StoneX Financial Inc. served as M&A advisor to the Company, and Dorsey & Whitney LLP served as legal advisor.

Sperry Mitchell & Company served as M&A advisor to V-TEK, and Blank Rome LLP served as legal advisor.

The securities referenced in this press release as part of the acquisition have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), or any state or other applicable jurisdiction's securities laws. They may not be offered or sold absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state or other jurisdictions' securities laws.

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About Data I/O Corporation

Since 1972, Data I/O has developed innovative solutions to enable the design and manufacture of electronic products for automotive, Internet-of-Things, medical, wireless, consumer electronics, industrial controls and other electronics devices. Today, our customers use Data I/O's data programming solutions and security deployment platform to secure the global electronics supply chain and protect IoT device intellectual property from point of inception to deployment in the field. OEMs of any size can program and securely provision devices from early samples all the way to high volume production prior to shipping semiconductor devices to a manufacturing line. Data I/O enables customers to reliably, securely, and cost-effectively bring innovative new products to life. These solutions are backed by a portfolio of patents and a global network of Data I/O support and service professionals, ensuring success for our customers. Learn more at dataio.com/Company/Patents.

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