

## **NEW BUDDY B-210 TURNS ONE PC INTO FIVE VIRTUAL PCs**

***Aims at home and small office network markets with great savings through lower TCO***

**SINGAPORE, 28th October 1999** -- Austin Federation (S) Pte Ltd ("Austin") today announced the launch of Buddy B-210, the newest addition to the highly successful Buddy range of Ultra Thin Client products, namely Buddy B-200 and B-500.

With Buddy B-210, a maximum of five virtual PCs can be created to utilise the computing power and resources of a single PC simultaneously, simply by adding four B-210 controller cards, monitors, keyboards and mouse. This widens Buddy market opportunities extensively, particularly in the growing home and small office PC network markets worldwide.

Additionally, the Buddy B-210 offers enhanced video and graphics performance thereby allowing further penetration into other vertical application markets. It is therefore ideal for corporate users, home users, community groups and government institutions.

Highlights of Buddy B-210 features :

- High graphics capability featuring 3D graphics
- 4MB of SGRAM
- Supports up to a resolution of 1280 by 1024
- Host PC can support up to 5 users when four B-210 controller cards are added into the PC
- PCI-Bus card
- Data transfer rate of up to 132MB/sec

"Buddy is an innovative and affordable solution for all PC users as it is a more economical alternative to buying multiple PCs or setting up an expensive computer network. With Buddy, you not only get the full benefits of multiple PCs but also enjoy a lower total cost of ownership," said Mr Bernard Ngiam, President for Austin, a member of IPC Group. "Buddy B-210 will greatly increase our market opportunity and it is a demonstration of our on going commitment to making Buddy the de facto standard in the concurrency technology," said Mr Bernard Ngiam.

The Buddy B-210 also spotted a new 'Buddy' logo. The essence of the new logo design is depicted by the two interlocking letter 'd' in the word 'Buddy', symbolising the concept of 'sharing' of computer resources simultaneously and independently by multiple users, which is the core fundamental of the Buddy range of products.

## **About Buddy**

Buddy is a PC adjunct that enables users to create virtual PCs that operate, in most important respects, like the user's host PC. BUDDY redistributes the large amount of unused power in today's processors, making it easy to create multiple virtual PCs. With Buddy, users can simultaneously run the same or different applications to create and edit their own documents, share the same peripherals, including CD-ROM, Zip drive and other hardware installed on the computer. All users can also surf the Internet and access emails at the same time using only one modem, one telephone line and one ISP account. Users can even share network access with unique customised desktop and network login.

Buddy provides many cost benefits by reducing users initial investments, cost of upgrading, maintenance and servicing cost. Installation is quick and easy -- the Buddy add-on card is installed in the host PC, a cable of 15 feet (50 feet maximum) connects the PC to the Buddy junction box, and that junction box is then connected to a monitor, keyboard, and mouse.

Buddy is distributed worldwide in over 60 countries, covering Asia, Indian subcontinent, Africa, Middle East, Europe, North, South & Central America, Australia and the Oceania. For more information about Buddy or Austin, please visit its Web site at [www.buddy.com.sg](http://www.buddy.com.sg)

## **About Austin**

Austin Federation (S) Pte Ltd is a fully owned subsidiary of IPC Corporation Ltd, a public listed company on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Singapore (SES). Incorporated in May 1996, Austin offers affordable solutions to address individuals and organisations looking to reduce their cost of owning, running and maintaining computers. Austin has successfully introduced a range of Ultra Thin Client products, marketed under "Buddy" brand name, which link multiple users to a single host computer, and provide the users with uncompromising computing power as well as an Internet connection.

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