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Computer Aid International

Biscor Limited, a Bradford based manufacturer and converter of industrial process fabrics, have donated 12 complete Windows PC systems (and other IT equipment including printers) to Computer Aid International.

Computer Aid International has shipped over 45,000 PCs to over 90 different countries in the last 6 years. The majority of these have gone to schools and community organisations in sub-Saharan Africa. They have also sent thousands to Latin America and the South Asian sub-continent.

Computer Aid International PCs are now being used in thousands of schools benefiting many hundreds of thousands of students. It is not just schools who benefit – the donated PCs are also being used to enhance the capacity of not-for-profit organisations.

Organisations whose work collectively encompasses a huge range of areas central to the development process including health, human rights, HIV/Aids, environment, to name a few.

Facts

- Computer Aid International has now shipped over 45,000 PCs
- Each PC that is professionally refurbished by Computer Aid International provides up to an additional 6,000 hours of computer based training and education
- Recipients amassed over 111,000,000 hours of computer access, education and vocational training that would otherwise have been impossible
- Computer Aid International extended its reach to 83 countries and 800,000 individuals worldwide
- Currently the minimum specification that Computer Aid International will accept is Pentium IIs, 233-400Mhz processor, 2/6 Gb hard disk and 64 Mb RAM
- 2,200 schools and 1,500 community groups in the developing world have benefited from Computer Aid International PCs

(facts are from www.computeraid.org – June 2005)

Liz Baker, Marketing Manager at Biscor Ltd commented:

“Allowing and encouraging other parties to benefit from our redundant office technology is much more preferable than destroying these perfectly good machines. The systems we have donated are not more than a few years old (they could hardly be described as archaic) and all are in full working order. However, in a competitive business environment, we must ensure that the company is working with the very best office systems, procedures and hardware to ensure we are working to our optimum, hence Biscor likes to upgrade their computer systems to guarantee continuous improvement in service and efficiency.

By donating our old systems to Computer Aid International we are confident that their technicians will remove all data and refurbish each PC system before it is used by schools or organisations in the developing world.”

Computer Aid International aims to:

- Increase the number of refurbished computers being re-used overseas
- Increase the number of UK organisations donating their used IT equipment for re-use overseas
- Identify and work with those organisations in recipient countries able to derive maximum value from refurbished computers
- Provide training and work experience in computer repair to people from socially excluded communities in our workshops in the UK

To find out more about donating computers to Computer Aid International, please visit: www.computeraid.org

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