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Popular CD Club Settles Infringement Case with Software & Information Industry Association

WASHINGTON, DC (May 3, 2010) –The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry, announced the settlement of a copyright infringement case against CDEarth of Dallas, Texas.

SIIA, which runs the industry's most aggressive Internet anti-piracy program for the software and digital content industries, said the settlement represents a significant step in its efforts to educate the public about the importance of copyright compliance when using digital content such as books, newspaper and magazine articles and, as was the case here, graphical art.

"CDEarth made a mistake in concluding or assuming that hundreds of clip art images it obtained via Internet sources were public domain material,. and copying and including this material on the CDs it sent its monthly subscribers, without permission of the copyright owner. We hope others will learn from their ordeal," said Scott Bain, Litigation Counsel, SIIA

"This has been an extremely difficult and trying time, as we've faced the consequences of relying upon an Internet reseller's promise that these images were public domain," said Yury Mintskovsky, President and CEO of CDEarth. "While we do not agree with the allegations made in this case, we do take our responsibility seriously and want to maintain the quality reputation we have built with our customers. We support Imagline's effort to identify the original sources from which we acquired these images, and help Imageline hold these folks accountable."

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About SIIA
The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to more than 500 leading software and information companies. For further information, visit: www.siia.net.

About SIIA Anti-Piracy
The Software & Information Industry Association's Anti-Piracy Division conducts a comprehensive, industry-wide campaign to fight software and content piracy. The pro-active campaign is premised on the notion that one must balance enforcement with education in order to be effective.

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