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## **Interoperable Check Fraud Prevention Patent Granted to Advanced Software Design**

*-- Paves Way to Validation of Image Survivable Check Security Features at Any Point Of Capture --*

**RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO (May 17, 2006)** -- Advanced Software Design (ASD) Corporation, a leader in innovative fraud prevention solutions for banks and credit unions, announces it has been granted a patent from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for its *payment validation and authorization systems and related methods*. The company has been marketing systems for validation of checks and SAND® security features, at the point of presentment, under the trade name ValidateCheck™.

This latest addition to ASD's portfolio of patents, which already includes three patents for application of encryption technology to checks, is a culmination of many years of research and development. "ASD is pleased to respond to the needs of our customers and alliance partners, to pave and secure the way toward more comprehensive fraud prevention both in batch process and real-time modes," said Calin Sandru, President of ASD. "Check fraud affects everyone, and ValidateCheck™ is a collaborative way to prevent fraud for all parties involved in the check clearing process – banks of first deposit, merchants, and paying banks – by enabling financial institutions to interoperate and validate checks drawn on each other, and increase the value of their existing investments," said Sandru.

Currently ASD's customers use the SAND® and OASIS™ technologies to protect and verify their On-U checks. With ValidateCheck™ banks can also verify transit checks, including check security features, signatures, check stock and payment patterns, so they will know at the time of encashment, if a transit check is genuine.

ASD will be licensing its patented ValidateCheck™ systems and/or related methods to customers.

### **About Advanced Software Design Corporation**

Advanced Software Design Corporation (ASD) is a privately held software company and innovative provider of end-to-end solutions to prevent fraud, and enable financial institutions to derive value from image-based and transaction-based fraud prevention services across multiple market segments. ASD's patented SAND® interoperable image survivable security feature, payee positive pay, OASIS™ transaction analysis, signature and check stock verification, and ValidateCheck™ enable detection of check alterations, counterfeits and forgeries, at the point of presentment, and interoperability in Check 21 and image-exchange environments. For more information, call 1-877-ASD-CORP, or visit [www.asdc.com](http://www.asdc.com).

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