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CARD Acquisition Completed Shuffle Master and Casinos Austria signed contract in New York

On Thursday, May 13, 2004 Shuffle Master, Inc. completed its purchase of CARD, a so far wholly owned subsidiary of Casinos Austria AG. Dr. Leo Wallner, Casinos Austria's CEO, and Mark Yoseloff, Ph.D., CEO Shuffle Master, signed the contract at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York.

As part of the acquisition, CARD Casinos Austria Research & Development will be renamed to "CARD - A Shuffle Master International Co.". Ing. Ernst Blaha will maintain his position as CARD's Managing Director and will oversee international distribution of the combined product line.

The acquisition by Shuffle Master does not interfere with CARD's partnership arrangements, as much as it does also not mean changes to the CARD team, except for an enlargement due to increased levels of business. "We are ready and expectantly awaiting the implementation of the mutual strategy, now that the deal is closed," says Ernst Blaha. "Together with Shuffle Master, CARD will reach out for new markets and strengthen relations in existing markets. And we will also find great potential for further development of our core products and competences. "All of us at CARD are looking forward to this new challenge!"

"The completion of this transaction represents a significant milestone for Shuffle Master," stated Mark L. Yoseloff, Ph.D. "CARD's innovative products, especially the *one2six*TM single and multi-deck shuffler and the *Easy Chipper*TM chip sorting device that should be released in early 2005, are significant enhancements to our successful Utility Products line. Additionally, CARD will be an invaluable distribution network for our expanding international operations, and its strong sales force and reputation will ease the integration of Shuffle Master's products into the international market."

As a result of this acquisition, all litigation between the two companies has been ended, and Shuffle Master will now own the underlying patents and trademarks for all CARD products.

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