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## RFID Professional Institute Teams with the New Zealand Pathfinder Group to Offer Certification Exams

The agreement will expand certification testing to RFID practitioners in New Zealand.

June 21, 2017—The RFID Professional Institute, a not-for-profit organization founded to promote professionalism in the RFID industry through standardized certification examinations, announced today that it has signed a memorandum of understanding with the New Zealand RFID Pathfinder Group. Pathfinder is a New Zealand based, not-for-profit, Society driving the adoption of RFID technologies in New Zealand. Under the agreement, Pathfinder will assume the role of onsite proctor and local test center for exams developed by the RFID Professional Institute.

“This is the Institute’s first agreement to expand certification internationally,” said Ian Robertson, chairman of the RFID Professional Institute. “We are currently negotiating with other organizations and expect to have additional announcements in the near future.”

The New Zealand Pathfinder Group has been undertaking research on the value of radio frequency identification and its efficacy in different applications, including livestock tracking, and apparel tracking in retail stores.

“We’re delighted to be associated with the Institute in this manner as it provides the unique opportunity for New Zealand organisations to attain a formal RFID certification, says Mark Rance, Chairman of the Pathfinder Group. We look forward to working with the Institute on other initiatives in the future as RFID adoption in New Zealand gathers momentum.

The institute’s first exam, the RFID Professional Institute Associate Exam, was introduced in 2014 after two years of work. The institute is currently at work on a more advanced certification exam.

### **About the International RFID Institute**

The International RFID Institute is a global, not-for-profit organization founded by a group of independent RFID industry veterans to promote professionalism in the RFID industry through the development of standardized certification exams. The tests will cover all types of radio frequency identification systems and how they are used in business and consumer applications.

### **About the New Zealand RFID Pathfinder Group Incorporated**

The New Zealand RFID Pathfinder Group is a not-for-profit, Incorporated Society founded in 2006 by a group of independent RFID specialists to drive the adoption of RFID technologies in New Zealand.