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A world first – Pointsec becomes only vendor in its sector to receive Common Criteria certification

– Pointsec® for PC receives Common Criteria EAL4 certificate

The Swedish company Pointsec Mobile Technologies has become the first provider of mobile data protection solutions to get a product certified under Evaluation Assurance Level 4 (EAL4) of the Common Criteria, an international IT security standard mutually recognized by the world's leading industrialized nations.

Pointsec's Common Criteria certification, the culmination of an extensive testing and evaluation process conducted by an accredited third-party testing organization, has been awarded to Pointsec® for PC, the company's flagship product. Pointsec provides uniquely efficient and effective security protection for all information stored on enterprise desktop PCs, laptops, PDAs and smart phones. Pointsec products feature enforceable mandatory access control, automatic real-time encryption of all data on the hard drive, and centralized administration.

The Common Criteria (CC), established in 1996, defines concepts and principles of IT security evaluation that meet the needs of governments across the industrialized world. Initially supported by the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Canada, and the Netherlands, the CC has since been adopted by 19 nations. It has also been codified as ISO Standard 15408.

"Pointsec is immensely pleased to have been awarded this certificate under EAL4, the highest level of Common Criteria validation possible for commercial products," said Peter Larsson, President of Pointsec Mobile Technologies. "This certification has been the product of a long and rigorous process, and gives Pointsec for PC the international standing necessary to meet the needs of both governments and the most demanding multi-national companies, including those in finance, securities, and defense. Currently, Pointsec for PC is the only mobile data protection solution on the market to be certified at this level."

Because the Common Criteria is a worldwide mutually recognized standard, certification in one country automatically establishes validation by governments of the other participating nations.

Pointsec for PC underwent evaluation in the United States beginning in June 2002. The evaluation process was administered by SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation), a Fortune 500 research and engineering firm authorized to conduct Common Criteria evaluation by the National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP), the U.S. government's sanctioning body.

The Common Criteria defines seven EALs in its standard. Each EAL is a superset of the next lower level, meaning that as the level of assurance goes higher, the amount of requirements and information for each class also increases. Levels beyond EAL4 are considered non-commercial in nature and are generally reserved for restricted and/or national security purposes; however, commercial products used by U.S. government agencies are required to have an EAL4 certificate.

"Pointsec for PC offers a combination of strong security and robust enterprise management tools that make it suitable for enterprise deployment," said Micah Tapman, Senior Security Engineer at SAIC. "Corporate, organizational, and government bodies will benefit from the unique benefits of Pointsec for PC."

Pictures for downloading can be found on www.pointsec.com

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