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Pointsec Debuts New Multi-Factor Authentication Engine

Pointsec for PC Version 6.0 Combines Full-Disk Encryption with Standardized Smart Card Interface for Highest Level of Security

Unveils New Software Development Kit to Streamline Smart Card Integration Process

Stockholm, Sweden – December 12, 2005 – Pointsec Mobile Technologies, the global leader and the provider of the de facto standard for enterprise security software for laptop and desktop PCs, PDAs and smartphones, today announced the newest release of its flagship product, Pointsec® for PC version 6.0, with a new access control architecture built for increasingly standardized authentication factors such as smart cards and tokens. Pointsec also announced today the availability of the industry's first Software Development Kit (SDK) designed to streamline the integration process of access control and endpoint encryption. The combined solution offers the highest level of security at a lower cost of ownership by providing customers the ability to select a second authentication factor that best meets their business and technical needs, without the expense of proprietary integration and support.

Pointsec's new access control architecture, the Multi-Factor Authentication Engine, is designed to meet a growing industry need to simplify access control for users, reduce the cost structure of managing access to information stored on endpoint equipment, and provide higher levels of security to block accidental or malicious loss of sensitive information through two-factor authentication. Pointsec for PC 6.0 streamlines the addition and management of a second authentication factor, such as a token or smart card, for endpoint security by removing the burden of costly and inflexible proprietary integrations.

"Secure access control is clearly a top priority for large organizations around the world," said Greg Salyards, practice manager at Schlumberger. "By streamlining the integration of two-factor authentication with endpoint encryption, Pointsec is bringing a powerful security combination within reach of even the largest global enterprises. Regardless if the business driver is regulatory compliance or security policy, increased interoperability of smart cards and full-disk encryption provides a clear advantage in terms of scalability, cost structure and administration to enterprise customers."

Pointsec for PC 6.0

Pointsec's encryption software ensures that the entire disk of a notebook or desktop PC is encrypted in real time and can only be accessed by an authenticated user. Full disk encryption protects the operating system and sensitive system files, ensuring that all security vulnerabilities are closed. Its exclusive "on-the-fly" encryption method ensures that encryption is performed according to an organization's security policies without requiring action on the part of end users and results in virtually no performance difference for the device.

In addition to the Multi-Factor Authentication Engine, Pointsec for PC version 6.0 offers vastly increased internationalization for broader global coverage, and an improved administration console that follows the Microsoft Management Console "look and feel" to reduce administrator learning curve. It also offers a new graphical interface for end users to streamline the login process and reduce or eliminate end user training.

Pointsec Smart Card SDK

The Pointsec Smart Card SDK streamlines the integration of any smart card solution with Pointsec's endpoint encryption technology. For smart card providers and customers, the new SDK will cut integration time to weeks instead of several months. It also allows customers to leverage existing smart card technologies that have already been purchased or deployed and not become locked into a proprietary solution from a single supplier.

"We are seeing an increased global demand for a combination of strong authentication and full disk encryption, as many organizations are quickly realizing the threat to their confidential information posed by lost, stolen or discarded PCs and laptops," said Peter Larsson, CEO of Pointsec. "The innovation of our Pointsec for PC offering to standardize support for two-factor authentication in an easy-to-manage and flexible solution helps our customers around the world protect themselves against data leakage through endpoint equipment loss, and meet the growing regulatory demands surrounding the protection of confidential information."

Pointsec has become the most widely deployed data protection solution because it offers more and higher industry certifications than any competitive solution, innovative centralized management and the widest coverage of mobile platforms available. Pointsec is a member of the Smart Card Alliance and recently announced integration with Axalto ProTiva technology. Pointsec for PC version 6.0 and the SDK are available immediately for product demonstrations and evaluations.

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About Pointsec

Pointsec is the worldwide de facto standard for mobile device security – with the most customers deployed, highest level of certification and more complete device coverage than any other company. Pointsec delivers a trusted solution for automatic data encryption that guarantees proven protection at the most vulnerable point where sensitive enterprise data is stored – on mobile devices. By securing sensitive information stored on laptops, PDAs, smartphones, and removable media, enterprises and government organizations can protect and enhance their image, minimize risk, shield confidential data, guard information assets, and strengthen public and shareholder confidence. Pointsec's customers include blue chip companies and government organizations around the world. Founded in 1988, Pointsec Mobile Technologies AB is a wholly owned subsidiary of Protect Data AB, publicly traded (PROT) on the Stockholm stock exchange. The company has two U.S. offices, nine EMEA offices, two APAC offices, two offices in India and one office in Dubai, Middle East. Pointsec can be found on the web at: www.pointsec.com.