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PCTEL to Implement 'Soft Access Point' Technology on GlobespanVirata Wi-Fi Chipset

Collaboration Creates New Wi-Fi Experience and Significantly Reduces User Costs

CHICAGO, Sep 17, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) --

PCTEL, Inc. (Nasdaq:PCTI), a leading provider of wireless solutions and access technology, announced today it is incorporating PCTEL's Segue™ SAM software solution with GlobespanVirata's PRISM GT™ (802.11g) and PRISM WorldRadio™ (802.11a, b & g) WLAN technology. The resulting product will instantly convert a PC with a PRISM-based client device into a fully functional access point (AP) with router capabilities, so home and small office users can simply load software onto a central PC instead of buying another piece of hardware to wirelessly connect multiple computers.

"PCTEL did an extensive review and determined that GlobespanVirata's PRISM GT and PRISM WorldRadio chip sets provide the most comprehensive wireless networking solutions available on the market today," said Marty Singer, PCTEL's Chairman and CEO. "We look forward to working with GlobespanVirata to improve the Wi-Fi® user experience and reduce access costs. Together, we will do for Wi-Fi infrastructure what PCTEL did for the analog modem - replace hardware with software and, in so doing, simplify installation for the user and improve ease-of-use."

Segue™ SAM will be available as a software upgrade for PRISM GT and PRISM WorldRadio 802.11 client adapters and licensed to manufacturers as a value added option. There are instant applications for this in homes as well as conference rooms where multiple people have a need to share broadband access. Segue™ SAM focuses on ease of use through auto detection techniques.

"The PCTEL Segue™ SAM is an innovative application that will allow users the ability to set up soft AP's in environments that were traditionally restricted to client-based configurations only," said Larry Ciaccia, Vice President and General Manager of GlobespanVirata's PRISM Wireless Product Group. "The combination of our WLAN solutions' performance and flexibility make it the ideal platform for our partner base to provide value added features and applications. We are seeing this activity increasing across-the-board and this will result in an extensive third-party portfolio of innovative applications running on PRISM platforms."

Segue™ SAM takes advantage of the power saving features of the PRISM solutions, as well as providing performance improvement in mixed mode (802.11a & g). Along with providing the WLAN industry's most comprehensive security suite, GlobespanVirata also incorporates PRISM Nitro™ technology, a software solution that improves performance up to 3 times for 802.11g clients operating in mixed-mode wireless networks and up to 50% greater throughput performance in 802.11g only network.

About PCTEL

PCTEL, founded in March 1994, is a leading provider of Wi-Fi and cellular mobility software, software-defined radio products and access technology. PCTEL's products include WLAN software products (Segue™ Product Line) that simplify installation, roaming, Internet access and billing. Through its subsidiary, DTI, the company designs, develops and distributes OEM receivers and receiver-based products that measure and monitor cellular networks. The company maintains a portfolio of more than 120 analog and broadband communications and wireless patents, issued or pending, including key and essential patents for modem technology. The company's products are sold or licensed to PC manufacturers, PC card and board manufacturers, wireless carriers, wireless ISPs, software distributors, wireless test and measurement companies, and system integrators. PCTEL headquarters are located at 8725 West Higgins Road, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 773-243-3000. For more information, please visit our web site at: <http://www.pctel.com>.

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