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PCTEL to Supply 802.11 WLAN Network Equipment and Software to Maritime Telecommunications Network

MTN to Deploy PCTEL WLAN Network Equipment and Software on Norwegian Cruise Line Ships

CHICAGO, Sept. 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- PCTEL, Inc. (Nasdaq: PCTI), a leading provider of Internet access products and wireless mobility software, confirmed today that it is providing its wireless access hardware and software products to the cruise line industry through its commercial agreement with Maritime Telecommunications Network (MTN). MTN Separately announced its successful deployment of the PCTEL Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) products.

MTN, a leading provider of maritime communications deployed PCTEL's WLAN Network Gateway, Roaming Client and Installation Wizard software products on the Norwegian Sun, a vessel in the Norwegian Cruise Line. MTN has plans to deploy PCTEL's wireless access solutions on other cruise ships in the near future.

Passengers may now bring their personal laptops onboard the Norwegian Sun and enjoy a wireless connection to the Internet. Digital Seas International (DSI), a subsidiary of MTN and a Verestar company, currently provides Internet services through the Internet Cafe onboard the vessel, where the passengers and crew can surf the Web, check e-mail and send video mail.

The PCTEL WLAN Network Infrastructure provides a turnkey solution that consists of Network Gateways at the edge of the network and Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA) Brokers that aggregate these Gateways. The complete WLAN solution provides authentication facilities, user provisioning, accounting, usage reporting, network management, and full RADIUS compatibility. PCTEL's Install Wizard and Roaming Client software provide passengers with simple automatic installation and configuration of a WLAN card on their personal laptop and direct connection to the ship's 802.11 wireless network. These solutions enable a carrier such as MTN to provide quick and easy wireless Internet access to guests on passenger cruise ships.

"Recreational environments such as cruise ships are ideal for the untethered access enabled by PCTEL's 802.11 Gateway and Roaming software," said Marty Singer, PCTEL Chairman and CEO. "The products ensure rapid and easy Internet access to business travelers, students or other passengers. In addition to 'anytime Internet access' for passengers, the system offers revenue opportunities for cruise ship companies and operators."

"We looked at a lot of WLAN vendors, and PCTEL was the only one that could provide us with a complete solution," said Robert Marjerison, MTN Director of Business Development. "Instead of cobbling together a solution, we were able to become a complete WLAN service provider- virtually overnight."

About LANs

A LAN supplies high-speed connectivity to a group of computers in close proximity, allowing any person with a wireless LAN card to benefit from high-speed wireless connectivity within a 300-foot radius of the network base. Currently, LAN service is based on 802.11b technology, known as Wi-Fi(TM), and boasts speeds up to 11 megabytes per second (an average of 10 times faster than the a T1 land-line office connection). Wi-Fi access has quickly gained popularity on corporate campuses and in heavily trafficked areas -- known as "hot spots," such as airports, hotels, conference centers and coffee shops, where businesspeople often stop to connect to the office.

About Maritime Telecommunications Network

Maritime Telecommunications Network, Inc. (MTN), the leader in maritime communications, provides C-Band voice, fax, data and Internet communications as well as Inmarsat services to the cruise and offshore industries, and the U.S. Navy throughout the world. Digital Seas International a subsidiary of MTN, is the first and only Information Technology concession in the cruise line industry, provides turnkey Internet Cafes to the Cruise and Offshore Industry. MTN also provides ship-to-shore live video and radio broadcast capabilities via satellite. MTN is owned by its parent company Verestar, Inc. More information is available at www.mtnsat.com.

About NCL

Miami-based Norwegian Cruise Line is an international cruise company and industry innovator that currently operates a fleet of nine ships sailing to more than 140 ports around the world. NCL is currently building Norwegian Dawn (for delivery December 2002), a 2,240-passenger sister ship to Norwegian Star.

For further information on NCL, contact a travel agent or NCL in the U.S. and Canada at 800-327-7030; in Miami-Dade County, Fl., 305-436-0866; visit NCL's web site at www.ncl.com.

About PCTEL

PCTEL, founded in March 1994, is a leading provider of innovative Internet access solutions and wireless mobility software. PCTEL's products include analog soft modems, DSP-based modems and WLAN hardware and software products, in particular, software that enables 802.11 roaming. The company is built upon a wide-ranging and comprehensive portfolio of more than 80 analog and broadband communications and wireless patents, issued or pending, including the key and essential patents for Host Signal Processing (HSP) modem technology. The company's products are sold to PC manufacturers, PC board and card manufacturers, wireless carriers, wireless ISPs, 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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