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PCTEL Announces New Wi-Fi(TM) Gateway Platform

MUNICH, Germany, Nov 5, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- PCTEL, Inc. (Nasdaq: PCTI), a leading provider of Internet access products and wireless mobility software announced today the availability of its new Segue(TM) Network Gateway. PCTEL's Segue(TM) Network Gateway performs all of the routing, IP addressing, security, and billing access required in 802.11 networks. The product, with a list price of \$2500, permits Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs) and cellular carriers to inexpensively establish a footprint in 802.11 "hot spots" or enterprise environments. PCTEL will be demonstrating its new Segue(TM) Network Gateway in addition to its existing portfolio of Wi-Fi hardware and software solutions in booth #105 at the 802.11 Planet Wireless Conference and Expo, November 5th and 6th in Munich, Germany.

PCTEL offers four innovative mobility software products. Its Segue(TM) Installer and Segue(TM) Roaming Client simplify Wi-Fi network interface card installation and enable roaming between different 802.11 environments, as well as between WLANs and cellular networks such as CDMA 1xRTT and GPRS. The company also offers cost-effective authentication, authorization and accounting with its Segue(TM) Controller solution that handles all of the billing requirements of (WISPs), cellular carriers and niche vendors.

"We will continue to press the envelope on reducing the costs of operating and establishing 802.11 networks," said Marty Singer, PCTEL's Chairman and CEO. "We believe that the industry must confront four barriers to 802.11 growth: network availability, ease-of-use, roaming, and simplified billing. The Segue(TM) Network Gateway, by aggressively attacking the costs of operation and deployment, will help to accelerate the build-out of Wi-Fi networks."

The PCTEL RADIUS-compatible Segue(TM) Network Gateway performs several critical functions for both the mobile subscriber and the service provider. At the most basic level it serves as a router. In its routing capacity, the Segue(TM) Network Gateway aggregates all of the traffic from a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN). Among other important functions, the Gateway and the Controller (1) attempt to verify that users are authorized to be on the network; (2) ensures that authorized users have valid IP addresses; and (3) connects to a system that maintains subscriber information and that can perform billing operations. Such systems are generically referred to as AAA Brokers because they perform Authorization, Authentication, and Accounting. The PCTEL Segue(TM) Network Controller serves as a centralized location, responsible for serving customized subscriber and location sensitive contents to users of the network.

About WLANs

A Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) supplies high-speed connectivity to a group of computers in close proximity. This allows any person with a WLAN interface card to benefit from high-speed wireless connectivity within a 300-foot radius of the network base. Currently, WLAN service is based on 802.11b technology, known as Wi-Fi, which boasts speeds up to 11 megabits per second. 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 PCTEL

PCTEL, founded in March 1994, is a leading provider of innovative and cost-effective Internet access solutions. PCTEL's products include analog soft modems, DSP-based modems and WLAN software products that simplify installation, roaming, Internet access and billing. The company maintains a portfolio of more than 80 analog and broadband communications and wireless patents, issued or pending, including key and essential patents for modem technology. The company's products are sold to PC manufacturers, PC board and card manufacturers, wireless carriers, wireless ISPs, software distributors, 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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anticipated benefits of our products to our customers and end-users of our products, including their cost-effectiveness; the accuracy of our assessment of barriers to the growth of 802.11-based WLANs; and the ability of our products to overcome such barriers and play a part in accelerating the growth of Wi-Fi(TM) networks. These statements are based on management's current expectations, and actual results may differ materially from those projected as a result of certain risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: our ability to successfully address the cost structure and functionality of our products, including their performance and reliability; the growth of the 802.11-based WLAN market; potential errors or other problems with our WLAN products, either in the currently available versions or in future releases; compatibility with the technology of other wireless products and services, including, but not limited to, the products and services offered by competitors and potential competitors; and our ability to accurately forecast customer requirements. These risks and uncertainties and others that relate to PCTEL's business, financial condition and future operating results, including, but not limited to, those detailed from time to time in PCTEL's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, can affect actual results. These forward-looking statements are made only as of the date indicated, and PCTEL disclaims any obligation to update or revise the information contained in any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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