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Vidient Announces SmartCatch 2.0 Availability In Europe

*NEC Shows New Intelligent Video Surveillance Software At CeBit 2005
As Part of Global Sales & Distribution Agreement With Vidient*

CeBIT, Hanover/Germany, March 7, 2005 -- Vidient Systems, Inc., a developer of behavior recognition software that makes networks of video surveillance cameras (CCTV) more accurate and cost effective, today announced the European availability of SmartCatch 2.0, a powerful new release of its flagship product.

The new product is available through a global sales, marketing and distribution agreement between Vidient Systems and NEC which the two companies made in September, 2004. NEC is demonstrating Vidient SmartCatch 2.0 this week in Hannover, Germany, at CeBit 2005 (Hall 26, Stand C68).

Featuring a range of new behaviors that can be monitored real-time by the software system, a new point-and-click user interface and a new open, distributed architecture, Vidient SmartCatch 2.0 provides customers of intelligent video surveillance software an entirely new level of ease of use, flexibility and control. For instance, it enables even non-technical security personnel to easily setup, on a daily basis, schedules for monitoring specific behaviors on specific CCTV cameras. It also provides the ability to send real-time alerts to specified security people on a wide range of devices, such as cell phones and pagers.

“Passive security technologies no longer meet the needs of today’s global businesses, transportation facilities and institutions,” said Brooks McChesney, founder, CEO and president of Vidient Systems. “Customers today require smart, powerful security solutions that operate in real-time. They need solutions sophisticated enough to identify suspicious behaviors and then escalate them to the right people. SmartCatch 2.0 is such a system, and it’s built for the most demanding and complex security environments.”

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Vidient SmartCatch 2.0 at CeBIT

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As part of the partnership between the two companies, NEC Europe installed Vidient SmartCatch 2.0 in the NEC Munich Customer Sales Center in January. The product is receiving favorable customer feedback, and NEC has already had formal demonstrations of SmartCatch 2.0 to more than a dozen international airports from across Europe.

“NEC Deutschland is well established as a solution provider on global security markets, particularly in the field of biometrics, and we are aggressively working to integrate new technologies into our solutions,” says Eckhard van Deest, general manager Security Solutions Biometrics at NEC Deutschland GmbH. “NEC Deutschland has been working with Vidient since its foundation and we know how powerful SmartCatch is and how well it meets the increasing need for intelligent video surveillance technology. SmartCatch will optimally augment our product portfolio, expanding it in a consistent manner.”

New Behaviors

Extending Vidient’s primary application focus – access control, perimeter monitoring and asset protection – Vidient has added a number of advanced new behaviors, significantly expanding the uses of SmartCatch. A sample of these new behaviors includes the bi-directional tracking of cars and people, such as passengers going the wrong direction in exit lanes at airports; and, the detection of objects of all sizes, inside or outdoors, that have been left unattended in secure areas, such as parked cars that have exceeded their allotted time in passenger loading zones at airports and train stations.

Easy Configuration & Increased Control

The ease of day-to-day management and configuration of the system was a primary objective in designing SmartCatch 2.0. Much of this goal was achieved with its new architecture, and it was further advanced through its new intuitive, point-and-click user interface. Users can now easily and rapidly add and activate new cameras in the network and apply entirely new behaviors to the system by simply pointing and clicking on selected icons in the interface. The new interface simplifies management and increases control of the system significantly by providing a single point of management and configuration for all SmartCatch components.

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Increased Flexibility & Scalability

With its new distributed architecture, the components of Vidient SmartCatch 2.0 now function more independently. This enables SmartCatch 2.0 to support significantly more individual, widely distributed cameras while still enabling central management of security policy compliance, administration and alerts. This distributed approach lets SmartCatch support up to 100s of cameras in a single CCTV network.

The software's flexibility and scalability is also expanded through its new open hardware APIs. These new APIs broaden the range of security devices supported by SmartCatch 2.0, such as card readers, PDAs, mobile phones and pagers.

About NEC Corporation

NEC is one of the world's leading providers of Internet, broadband network and enterprise business solutions dedicated to meeting the specialized needs of its diverse and global base of customers. Ranked as one of the world's top patent-producing companies, NEC delivers tailored solutions in the key fields of computer, networking and electron devices, by integrating its technical strengths in IT and Networks, and by providing advanced semiconductor solutions through NEC Electronics Corporation. The NEC Group employs more than 140,000 people worldwide and had net sales of approximately \$40 billion in the fiscal year ended March 2003. For additional information, please visit the NEC home page at: <http://www.nec.com>.

About Vidient Systems, Inc.

Vidient Systems, Inc. designs, develops and deploys behavior recognition software systems that enable highly efficient, accurate and cost-effective video surveillance networks used to monitor secure locations at major transportation facilities, corporations and public institutions. The Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company was founded in 2003 and is funded by leading global venture investors Blueprint Ventures, Trident Capital and Hotung Venture Capital. For more information visit www.vidient.com.

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