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**Vidient Releases New Video Surveillance Software,
Adds New Behaviors, Eases Configuration & Enhances Control**

SmartCatch 2.0 Features New User Interface & Distributed Architecture

Sunnyvale, Calif., Feb. 8, 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 SmartCatch 2.0, a powerful new release of its flagship product.

Featuring a range of new behaviors that can be monitored by the software system, a new point-and-click user interface and a new open, distributed architecture, 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 and, further, the ability to send real-time alerts to specific people on a wide range of devices, such as cell phones and pagers.

“The security needs of businesses, transportation facilities and institutions of all types are growing increasingly complex,” said Brooks McChesney, founder, CEO and President of Vidient Systems. “Customers today require smart, flexible security solutions that meet their rapidly changing and frequently escalating real-time security needs. SmartCatch 2.0 gives companies a powerful, easy to use system built for these security environments.”

SmartCatch 2.0 is available immediately through Vidient Systems, Inc., and NEC Solutions America, Inc. (NECSAM) who is marketing, selling and distributing SmartCatch worldwide through a partnership it formed with Vidient in September 2004.

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New Behaviors

Extending Vidient's primary application focus – access control, perimeter monitoring and asset protection – the company has added a number of advanced new behaviors, significantly expanding the uses of SmartCatch. Just 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.

Increased Flexibility & Scalability

With its new open 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 with its powerful centralized video database, which manages all security policy compliance, administration and alerts. This open, 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 new hardware APIs. These new APIs broaden the range of security devices supported by SmartCatch 2.0, while also enabling bi-directional communications between SmartCatch 2.0 and security devices such as card readers, PDAs, mobile phones and pagers.

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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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