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**VIDIENT SYSTEMS EXPANDS TEAM OF ADVISORS,
ADDS HOMELAND SECURITY AND GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION VETERANS**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. December 20, 2004 -- Admiral Steve Abbot (Ret.), president & CEO of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society and David I. Beatson, president and chief executive officer of North America for Panalpina Inc., have been appointed to the advisory board of Vidient Systems, Inc., the company announced today. Based in Sunnyvale, Calif., Vidient is a developer of behavior recognition and analysis software that makes networks of video surveillance cameras (CCTV) more accurate and cost effective.

Admiral Abbot (Ret.) has been involved in the defense and security of the United States for over 38 years. He is the former Acting Homeland Security Advisor to the President, having served as the Deputy Homeland Security Advisor under Governor Tom Ridge. Prior to his homeland security duties, Abbot served the U.S. Navy for over 34 years, holding many senior level command positions. He was previously Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command overseeing the daily activities of a Unified Command with an area of responsibility encompassing 89 countries and more than 13 million square miles.

As president and CEO of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Steve Abbot is responsible for the overall operations of this private non-profit charitable organization, which is sponsored by the Department of the Navy and operates nearly 250 offices ashore and afloat at Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world.

Beatson is currently North American president and CEO of Panalpina, a \$5 billion global freight and logistics company headquartered in Switzerland, with a major presence in transportation hubs with warehouses around the world

Prior to joining Panalpina Inc., Beatson served as chairman, president and chief executive officer of Circle International Group Inc., a global transportation and logistics company. He also was president and chief executive officer of U.S.-based Emery Worldwide, the airfreight forwarder. In earlier posts, he served as vice president of cargo sales and marketing for American Airlines and as vice president of national accounts for CF Airfreight. Beatson holds an.

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MBA from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor's degree in marketing and finance from Ohio State University

"Vidient is fortunate to add both Steve and David as advisors to our company," said Brooks McChesney, founder, president and CEO of Vidient Systems, Inc. "They bring deep expertise in their respective fields, and will provide us tremendous insight as we continue expanding our market presence globally and scaling our SmartCatch platform to solve customers' security concerns today and well into the future."

In their advisory capacity, David Beatson and Steve Abbot will collaborate with the Vidient management team as well as the company's board. Other members of the advisory board include: Richard Clarke, the former top counter terrorism official in the Bush administration; Mei Han, a researcher at NEC Laboratories America; Yann LeCun, a computer science professor at New York University; and Hai Tao, a computer engineering professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Vidient debuted in September its new SmartCatch software at ASIS International 2004, the world's largest conference dedicated to the security industry. The company is providing its video surveillance software to the CCTV global market which reached \$3 billion in 2003 and is projected to grow 25-30% annually for the next five years, according to New York-based Mallon Associates, who tracks the global security industry.

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About the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society was founded in 1904. It's mission is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need; and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

About Panalpina

Panalpina is one of the world's leading transport and logistics groups, today operating in 480 offices in 75 countries and generating revenues of some CHF 7 billion with some 12,300 employees.

About Vidient Systems Inc.

Vidient Systems Inc. designs, develops and deploys behavior recognition and tracking software systems that enable the deployment of accurate and highly efficient video surveillance networks at major transportation facilities, corporations and public institutions. The Sunnyvale, Calif., company was founded in 2003 and has received \$6 million in initial venture capital from VC firms Blueprint Ventures, Trident Capital and Hotung Venture Capital. For more information visit www.vidient.com.