PATCHLINK ANNOUNCES WORLD'S FIRST INTEGRATED SOLUTION FOR DELIVERING PATCH, VULNERABILITY & COMPLIANCY MANAGEMENT FIXES TO WIRELESS PHONES & PDAS

Submitted by: Lighthouse PR

Thursday, 9 June 2005

London, 9 June, 2005 — PatchLink Corporation (www.patchlink.com), the leading provider of security patch, vulnerability and compliancy management software, solutions, and services, today announced it has integrated the security management of wireless smartphones and PDA devices into its award-winning, advanced, and multi-platform PATCHLINK UPDATE™ software. In addition, PatchLink has established a new Wireless Division to support its ongoing wireless security management technology, integration research and development. Final product delivery for industry-recognised wireless platforms such as Microsoft Windows Mobile, Symbian, Research In Motion (RIM) BlackBerry(R), and Palm OS is scheduled for Q3 2005.

"PatchLink's advanced, multi-platform security management capabilities for wireless technologies address a new level of organisational vulnerability as the edge of the enterprise network extends to include wireless smartphones and PDAs," said PatchLink CEO Sean Moshir. "Threats to IT security stretch beyond the traditional network for organisations of all types, including government targeting wireless smartphone and PDA operating systems. PATCHLINK UPDATE will now give administrators the ability to administer policy management and audit mobile inventory from a single security console regardless of the network device type managed, resulting in a broader security management solution for our customers."

Marking one of the most significant milestones in the history of patch management, PatchLink has integrated the security management of wireless smart phones and PDAs into PATCHLINK UPDATE's web-based, unified management console, applying to wireless devices the same power and flexibility that today secures millions of servers, desktops, and laptops worldwide. PatchLink is working closely with several wireless phone operating system vendors and has joined the Windows Mobile Solutions Partner Program to ensure customers solid coordination with Microsoft.

In support of proactive extended enterprise security management, IDC Research Director of Security Products, Charles Kolodgy comments, "The world of wireless and mobile devices is changing rapidly, and the desire for ubiquitous connectivity is driving both enterprise and service provider deployments of wireless infrastructure and applications. With this in mind, automated vulnerability management to reduce the risk of critical data loss or corruption should be a key element of an organisation's IT security program. PatchLink is responding to customer and market needs by its strategic move into the wireless security marketplace."

Moreover, Yankee Group Senior Analyst Security Solutions Andrew Jaquith adds, "With the rise of intelligent mobile devices comes the need to ensure their integrity. Mobile patching and vulnerability management solutions extend the reach of IT operations to include previously unmanaged devices. By keeping their firmware, OS, and applications up-to-date, corporations can keep mobile devices in a 'known state,' and can help keep them secure from potential future threats."

According to recent Gartner market data, shipments of smartphones into the distribution channel surged to 6.76 million units in Q4 2004, an increase of 66 percent on Q3 2004; shipments of PDAs into the

distribution channel reached 3.86 million units in Q4 2004, an increase of 5 percent; while the Symbian operating system (OS) remains the leader in the global smartphone market.

Former vice chair of the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board (PCIPB) and former Special Adviser for Cyberspace Security for The White House, Howard A. Schmidt commented, "As smartphones and wireless PDAs have rapidly become an integral part of many enterprise networks, a lack of security solutions exists for centralised, policy-based management of these devices. PatchLink's solutions and support for the wireless market enhances the security and business continuity surrounding these devices and reduces the complexity of high-level security monitoring across all data-platforms in the enterprise."

PatchLink's wireless technologies carry forward the company's strategic security initiatives set forth in early 2005. Based on the principle that IT security planning and integration should never be an afterthought, PatchLink has developed the highly scalable PATCHLINK SECURE™ technology foundation, which today is the basis for the Company's versatile, flexible and reliable security management software product line, including: PATCHLINK UPDATE, PatchLink Anti-spyware Integration Module™, PATCHLINK QUARANTINE™, PatchLink Scanner Integration Module™, and now PATCHLINK UPDATE for Wireless, among other offerings.

ABOUT PATCHLINK CORPORATION
PatchLink™ Corporation (www.patchlink.com) is the established leader for advanced, enterprise-wide, security patch, vulnerability and compliancy management software, solutions and services. Having the largest installed subscriber base for patch and vulnerability management software in the industry, the Inc. 500 company (2004) is headquartered in Arizona. PatchLink provides global support to its customers through a well-developed network of resellers and distributors, as well as through its offices in the United States (Scottsdale and Washington, D.C.), Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Kingdom. Incorporating a highly scalable, multi-platform approach to network and endpoint security, PATCHLINK UPDATE™ software provides customers access to the world's largest repository of tested and secured patches and mis-configuration updates for deployment across their enterprises, integrating with leading vulnerability, network access control, and wireless management solution
s to provide real-time remediation. PatchLink customers show a 95 percent-plus renewal rate and better than 97 percent indicate they are "satisfied or highly satisfied" with overall product and service performance. Customers utilising PatchLink software, solution, and services span all vertical industries and include the U.S. Army, EPA, USDA, NASA, Thomson Financial, Virgin Airlines, Boeing, and BlueCross BlueShield, among others.

#   #   #

Media Contact:
Zuzanna Pasierbinska/Ruth Jones
Lighthouse PR for PatchLink Corporation

+44 (0) 2074946590
patchlink@lighthousepr.com

Corporate Contact:
Erin Kelley
for PatchLink Corporation
VP of Marketing & PR
+ 1 480.970.1025, x263
+1 602.410.8430 – mobile
erin.kelley@patchlink.com

responsesource