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Datastrip and Codebench Simplify TWIC Deployment for U.S. Port

EXTON, Pa. (July 21, 2008) — The move to the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program presents U.S. port authorities with one of the greatest security challenges today. By implementing PIVCheck Plus from Codebench Inc. and Datastrip Inc., a major Southeastern U.S. port has deployed TWIC prior to the Department of Homeland Security's April 2009 deadline.

When integrated with Datastrip's DSV2+^{TURBO}, PIVCheck Plus presented a hardware and software solution to the Southeastern port when security officials sought to implement TWIC using its existing physical access control system (PACS).



Using PIVCheck Plus to tie a TWIC credential to a PACS badge, port employees and transportation workers can continue using their PACS badges for port access, while their TWIC certificates are checked for revocation. If PIVCheck's Certificate Manager finds a revoked certificate, the cardholder's PACS badge will be automatically suspended. This important feature leverages the port's legacy PACS infrastructure and supports it with certificate management.

PIVCheck Plus does not require a connection to, or the cost of, an identity management system to be able to import card data into a PACS. Because PIV and TWIC cards contain all of the data needed for enrollment, once those cards are validated and authenticated, importing the information is as simple as clicking "OK."

"PIVCheck Plus will change the paradigm that TWIC compliance has to be complicated and costly," said Geri Castaldo, chief executive officer of Codebench. "It gives facility operators the flexibility to migrate to TWIC-enabled readers over time, or to not migrate at all."

About Codebench Inc.

Codebench Inc. (Coconut Creek, Fla.) is a software engineering firm focused exclusively on physical security applications. With an extensive background in physical access control systems (PACS), Codebench has development partnerships with many leading PACS manufacturers. An accomplished developer of software integration solutions, Codebench is a certified Women's Business Enterprise and serves the Fortune 500, academic and government markets.

For more information about the PIVCheck Product Suite, visit www.pivcheck.com, www.codebench.com, or call (561) 883-3218.

About Datastrip Inc.

Datastrip Inc. (Exton, Pa.) is a world leader in field-proven mobile identity verification. Together with market-leading biometric and information technology vendors, Datastrip specializes in providing secure portable information and ID solutions that provide on-the-spot verification of credentials from any individual. The Datastrip product line supports biometric fingerprint matching, as well as contact-based and contactless ID cards such as national ID cards and passports.

Datastrip's DSV2+^{TURBO®} biometric/ID card readers are the first handheld single-fingerprint capture devices approved for purchase by federal agencies under the General Services Administration's FIPS 201 evaluation program. For more information, visit www.datastrip.com or call (800) 548-2517.

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