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The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance Establishes Systems Working Group

PSIA's fifth working group will focus on
developing and promoting cohesive IP solution designs

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Sept. 8, 2009—The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance (www.psialliance.org), a global consortium of physical security providers focused on promoting interoperability of IP-enabled devices in the security industry, has formed the Systems Working Group.

This new group will provide architecture and design leadership in PSIA areas that span multiple working groups to ensure cohesive system designs that assure interoperability across all technical segments of the industry. The Systems Working Group will work closely with PSIA's four other working groups — Area Control, IP Video, Recording and Content Management, and Video Analytics — to develop standards, specifications and supporting materials that work to promote interoperable IP solutions.

"The Systems Working Group is another step toward ensuring IP-based technologies will come together and work seamlessly with other systems such as intrusion, building management, and fire and life safety," said Roger Richter, chairman of the Systems Working Group and chief engineer/senior architect, video, GE Security. "This group will work to provide architecture, design leadership and assistance that spans across multiple working groups. Our goal is to help create solutions, not just specifications."

The working group is currently developing a common metadata/event model specification to ensure all forms of data are accessible across all IP products. It is also creating DNS-SD/mDNS reference topologies for discovery, and systemwide identity management and systems-based time management definitions.

"The formation of the Systems Working Group is another indicator that PSIA is committed to the interoperability of all IP-based products in the industry," said David Bunzel, executive director of PSIA. "This solutions approach will bring the industry closer to our ultimate objective — true convergence."

About PSIA

The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance is a global consortium of nearly 50 physical security manufacturers and integrators that are focused on promoting interoperability of IP-enabled security devices across every segment of the security industry. Participating companies include Adesta LLC, Arecont Vision, Assa Abloy, Cisco Systems, GE Security, Genetec, Honeywell, IQinVision, Johnson Controls, March Networks, Milestone Systems, NICE Systems, ObjectVideo, OnSSI, Pelco, SCCG, Stanley Security, Texas Instruments, Verint and VidSys.

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