



**Critical Watch Certified as PCI Security Standards Council Approved Scanning Vendor  
PCI Services to enable compliance as an ingrained business process**

April 5, 2007 - (Dallas, Texas) – Critical Watch, a leading security risk management solutions provider, announced today that its FusionVM Enterprise Vulnerability Management System has successfully completed the PCI Security Standards Council Approved Scanning Vendors testing process and has been certified to be able to perform PCI assessments according to the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS).

The PCI Data Security Standard, endorsed by American Express, Discover Financial, JCB, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa International, requires merchants and service providers that store, process or transmit customer payment card data to adopt information security controls and processes to ensure data integrity. Participating payment brands require PCI DSS compliance reports by a certified third-party assessor for merchants and service providers that process credit card transactions to achieve compliance. More information on the council and the standard can be found at [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org).

As an Approved Scanning Vendor, Critical Watch is certified to help merchants manage data security risks and evaluate the security of their systems that store payment account data and assist them in achieving compliance with the PCI DSS. Critical Watch has achieved approved status by subjecting their FusionVM product to rigorous testing on the council's infrastructure. In an era of increasingly sophisticated attacks on systems, the PCI DSS certification reassures merchants that they are being assessed accurately and fairly against the most current payment industry requirements.

“The PCI Security Standards Council is committed to helping everyone involved in the payment chain protect consumer payment data. By participating in the ASV certification process, Critical Watch demonstrates they are playing an active part in this important end goal,” said Seana Pitt, chairperson, PCI Security Standards Council.

“We're happy to help evaluate PCI compliance as part of our suite of solutions. We've packaged our capability such that PCI assessment is embedded as an operational process, so our clients are able to utilize the PCI standard as an everyday best practice to sustain compliance and reduce risk,” said Critical Watch President and CEO, David Laizerovich.

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### **About Critical Watch**

Critical Watch is a leading provider of security risk management and compliance solutions that enable a comprehensive business process for integrating vulnerability management across the enterprise. In addition to its FusionVM suite of products and services, Critical Watch provides PCI Compliance services as a certified vendor. Critical Watch clients are Global 2000 enterprises across verticals such as healthcare, financial services, state and local government, e-commerce and manufacturing. FusionVM empowers organizations to:

- Efficiently and effectively manage business critical risks across the enterprise
- Establish better visibility, measurability and control over their security function
- Coordinate and embed a preventive process across all operational groups
- Validate regulatory and policy compliance

Visit Critical Watch on the Web: [www.criticalwatch.com](http://www.criticalwatch.com).

### **About PCI Security Standards Council**

The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by fostering broad adoption of the PCI Data Security Standard.

The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa International to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the Data Security Standard. Merchants, banks, processors and point of sale vendors are encouraged to join as Participating Organizations. If you would like more information the PCI Security Standards Council or would like to become a Participating Organization please contact the PCI Security Standards Council at [info@pcisecuritystandards.org](mailto:info@pcisecuritystandards.org).

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