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BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPLOYS SAFE•CONNECT™ NAC

*Impulse Point's Network Access Control Solution
Delivers Endpoint Security Compliance for 40 Remote Sites*

MONCKS CORNER, SC – May 26, 2009– Impulse Point, provider of the most scalable network access control (NAC) solution for large enterprise networks, and Berkeley County School District in South Carolina, announced today that Safe•Connect™ has been successfully deployed to provide endpoint security policy management for students and faculty across the district.

Berkeley County chose Impulse Point's Safe•Connect NAC after reviewing other NAC products. Among the requirements considered by Berkeley County School District when selecting Safe•Connect was the product's ability to easily scale across multiple sites without extensive hardware and integration requirements or prohibitive costs. The solution also had to be interoperable with the county's Cisco network infrastructure and Novell e-Directory. Safe•Connect is deployed with minimal hardware from one central management location across 37 schools and 4 district offices, including more than 30,000 students and employees.

"Our biggest concern was keeping anti-virus, anti-spyware, and patches up to date. Additionally, we were concerned about the possibility of unauthorized devices being attached to our network without a reliable and consistent means of detecting said devices," states Diane Driggers, Director of Technology for Berkeley County School District. "Once Safe•Connect was deployed, we were immediately able to see where problems existed and get them corrected."

Berkeley is now able to use Safe•Connect NAC to help prevent non-county assets from accessing the county network, stopping the spread of malware. The School District is also able to control peer-to-peer file sharing and can use emergency broadcast messaging capabilities to transmit information to all or selected locations.

"It's been a seamless experience for our users. We're extremely happy with the product and the level of support provided by Impulse Point," continues Jeff Winningham, Network Administrator. "Impulse Point also worked with us to customize the reporting capabilities for the District."

"The Berkeley County School District has a very large, distributed network and they've done an outstanding job of phasing deployment throughout the system," says Gen Lapham, Regional Sales Manager of Impulse Point. "Berkeley was able to install Safe•Connect in a nonintrusive manner, using Single Sign-on, so that it is virtually 'invisible' to the managed user community. The solution is also able to provide remediation guidance for those instances where a device is not compliant with security policies."

Safe•Connect™ offers an easy to implement and support endpoint policy management solution that allows organizations to control access to their networks based on an end user's compliance with security policies, while seamlessly connecting to their existing multi-vendor infrastructure. Although not required, Safe•Connect is also compatible with 802.1x, providing the flexibility to quarantine users at the router, switch, or endpoint device.

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The Safe•Connect™ network access control solution provides the following capabilities:

- Prevents unauthorized user access to wired, wireless, and VPN networks.
- Ensures users maintain compliance with anti-virus, anti-spyware, Microsoft security patches, P2P file sharing software, and custom endpoint security policies through real-time continuous security posture validation and enforcement (pre- and post-admission control).
- Automates the isolation of non-compliant devices at Layer2 and provides individualized remediation guidance independent of network switch hardware.
- Enables flexible identity-based policy management for students, employees, vendors, and guests.
- Allows the organization to send on-demand broadcast messages for emergency or informational communications by network location or policy group.

Safe•Connect™ is supported by the NAC industry's only Managed Support Service offering. Impulse Point provides continuous proactive monitoring and support that includes hardware server and software problem determination and resolution, as well as upgrade protection to future software functional releases.

About Impulse Point

Designed for highly scalable and vendor diverse environments, Impulse Point's Safe•Connect™ Network Access Control solution enables organizations to automate and enforce end user authentication, anti-virus, anti-spyware, Microsoft security patches, P2P file sharing, and custom endpoint security policies. The result is a more secure, reliable, and predictable IT infrastructure. Impulse Point (www.impulse.com) is headquartered in Florida and is one of Tampa Bay's premier technology innovators.

About Berkeley County School District

The Berkeley County School District continues to invest in the best possible learning opportunities for students and the best possible working environment for employees. Our reputation is solid as a result of connecting all resources to realize the highest possible dividends. The district is committed to high performance and measured improvement. We believe in a strong academic emphasis in all grades, full day instruction at all levels and extended learning opportunities for students who need either remediation or enrichment. For more information, please visit www.berkeley.k12.sc.us.

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