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LIQUIDNEXXUS PARTNERS WITH PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL TO FOSTER IMPROVED PAYMENT DATA SECURITY WORLDWIDE

— As the first authorized PCI Global Training Network (PGTN) provider, LiquidNexus will deliver PCI training and qualification courses to CEMEA Region —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., 22 October 2014 —Today, the [PCI](#) Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), the [PCI](#) Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), a global, open industry standards body providing management of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)), [PIN](#) Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard ([PA-DSS](#)), announced a new partnership to offer authorized PCI training in Nigeria, South Africa, Croatia, Turkey and Bahrain. Organizations in these areas can now benefit from increased understanding of PCI Standards and programs through high quality instructor-led training that meet regional linguistic needs, as well as save time and money on international travel.

As part of a globalization drive, the PCI Security Standards Council will partner with UK based LiquidNexus, a leading provider of payment system, security, risk and compliance training, to deliver instructor-led courses for their [Internal Security Assessor](#) (ISA), [PCI Professional \(PCIP\)](#) and [PCI Awareness](#) classes. LiquidNexus' payment system and information security instructors bring their expertise and experience to the benefit of attendees in all training courses.

“After many years of driving awareness in payment security and risk in Europe and emerging markets, I am delighted to partner with the Council and proud to be part of the PCI Global Training Network”, stated Lucas Allen, CEO, LiquidNexus. “We look forward to bringing, much needed, education and awareness in the form of PCI Awareness, PCI Professional and PCI Internal Security Assessor training to merchants,

service providers and acquirers - helping them to build internal expertise and security and to improve on the cost and quality of their PCI assessment experience.”

[PCI Awareness](#) training is an entry-level course that outlines challenges surrounding payment card security, explains how PCI Standards can help mitigate risk and provides the tools to build a secure payments environment.

[PCI Professional \(PCIP\)](#) training delivers in-depth coverage of the PCI DSS and PA-DSS – version 3.0, how to use compensating controls and more. This course provides an individual, renewable qualification and a solid foundation for future career progression to other PCI qualifications.

The Council’s popular [Internal Security Assessor \(ISA\)](#) course can help organizations build expert payment security staff and:

- Improve understanding of PCI DSS and how it can help protect customer data and a business
- Help an organization build internal expertise and assess their compliance with PCI standards
- Facilitate interaction with a Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) for an organization
- Enhance payment card data security and manage compliance costs

The Council has received strong feedback from attendees on the benefits of attending these classes in person, with great value placed on peer and case study discussion. Attendees cite the ability to interface with expert instructors and get questions answered in a supportive learning environment as major drivers for choosing instructor-led training.

“Education is a critical driver of payment security, and the Council is committed to expanding PCI training opportunities globally,” said Stephen W. Orfei, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. “We’re pleased to announce our first international training partnership and excited to partner with LiquidNexus, an organization with deep experience with PCI Standards.”

The first PGTN training classes including PCI Awareness, PCIP and PCI ISA will be held from the 1st to the 4th of December in Johannesburg, South Africa. Additional sessions are planned throughout 2015 across the CEMEA region.

Anyone interested in learning more about should contact LiquidNexus at <http://www.liquid-nexus.com/en/courses/> or email pgtn@liquidnexus.com . Parties may also contact the PCI Security Standards Council for more information on training programs at administration@pcisecuritystandards.org, or visit <https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/training/index.php>.

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The [PCI](#) Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard ([PCI DSS](#)) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has over 700 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: pcisecuritystandards.org.

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About LiquidNexus

LiquidNexus is a market leader in payment systems, security and compliance training. Our core team of research and business development professionals working closely with specialists and subject matter experts to create, promote and deliver timely training and awareness. LiquidNexus has trained thousands of professionals from hundreds of organizations from over 96 countries. Specialties include promoting and delivering industry leading training including key topics such as PCI Standards, ATM and POS security, e-Commerce Payments, Card Business Management, ATM Management and Maintenance, Secure Coding Best Practices, Mobile Payment System Security and more.

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