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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL EXPANDS LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH APPOINTMENT OF NEW OPERATIONS CHIEF

—Strategic hire to drive consistency and quality across Council operations and programs globally—

WAKEFIELD, Mass., May 12, 2010 — Today, 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 the appointment of Mauro Nunez as Vice President of Operations for the PCI SSC. As a key member of the Council's executive team, Nunez will lead the creation and strategic implementation of business programs and processes critical to the Council's mission of increasing payment card security globally through adoption of the PCI Security Standards.

Nunez will focus on driving greater quality and consistency across Council programs and operations including:

- Increasing the introduction of sustainable and repeatable processes to ensure consistent and effective business operations
- Designing, improving and implementing evaluation criteria for the ongoing enhancement of the Council's training, assessment and certification programs
- Determining new operational and performance metrics for increased customer satisfaction and overall process improvement

In this role, Nunez will also provide strategic input on the direction of operations for driving business strategy, investments and hiring decisions for the company.

"Global standards and membership organizations have a diverse stakeholder set and a unique operating environment. I plan to bring best practices from my experience with other standards bodies and world-class organizations to my new role," said Nunez. "As PCI SSC matures from

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an operational perspective, I expect to drive an increase in both the company's efficiency and financial outlook that will directly translate into an improved customer experience. I'm looking forward to working with the payment card brands, participating organizations and the public at large, who are the direct beneficiaries of a secure card payment ecosystem."

Nunez brings extensive global operational leadership experience in the standards and high tech industries to the PCI Security Standards Council, including leadership positions at MIT Media Lab and the World Wide Web Consortium, where he was business manager for its worldwide operations. Nunez has lived and worked in Chile, China, France and the United States.

"The day to day business operations of the Council are critical in carrying out our mission of increasing payment card security globally, said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "Mauro's strong background in IT operations, finance and standards organizations make him a natural choice for this position, and we're excited to have someone with his global perspective on board."

For More Information:

For more information on the PCI Security Standards Council, please visit www.pcisecuritystandards.org.

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard and other standards that increase payment data security.

The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI Data Security Standard (DSS), PIN Transaction Security (PTS) requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and other vendors are encouraged to join as participating organizations.