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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL OPENS *ASK THE COUNCIL* WEBINAR TO ALL

—"Open Mic" webinar on Community Meeting and next steps in standards lifecycle available for industry-wide participation —

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Nov. 30, 2009 — The PCI Security Standards Council, 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), today invited all payment industry stakeholders to attend the next "Open Mic" webinar to engage with the Council in a forum typically reserved for Participating Organization (PO) members. For the first time, non-Participating Organizations can register for either of the two webinars held on Tuesday December 8 at 3:00 p.m. ET and Wednesday, December 9 at 11:00 a.m. ET. Hosted by PCI SSC General Manager Bob Russo, this third session in the series will offer a brief update on PCI SSC initiatives, followed by a live Q&A session with opportunities for Participating Organizations and industry stakeholders to address Bob and other members of the PCI SSC team. The updates will cover:

- Community Meeting outcomes
- Next steps in the lifecycle process
- Recently published Council resources

Questions many also be submitted in advance through the online registration tool.

Open Mic webinars have been traditionally reserved as a forum for Participating Organizations to share comments and ask questions of the Council. Following the Community Meetings in Las Vegas and Prague this fall, the Council will open up the next session to all industry stakeholders to take questions and provide updates on that meeting and the development of PCI Security Standards. Participating Organizations are encouraged to invite their customers, members, business partners and any stakeholders in the payment chain that are impacted by PCI Standards.

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To register for the Tuesday, December 8, 2009 session, please use the following link:
http://register.webcastgroup.com/l3/?wid=0801208094997

To register for the Wednesday, December 9, 2009 session, please use the following link:
http://register.webcastgroup.com/l3/?wid=0801209094998

The webinars will be recorded and available for download on the Participating Organization's area of the Council's Web site for those Participating Organizations who cannot attend any of the sessions.

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 Requirements (PTS) and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and other vendors are encouraged to join as participating organizations.

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