Visonic and iControl to Enhance OpenHome Broadband Home Management Platform with Advanced Security Devices

Integration of Visonic devices with iControl software expands the OpenHome ecosystem, opening new opportunities for broadband service providers.

Palo Alto, CA and Tel-Aviv, Israel – June 1st, 2011 – iControl Networks Inc, a leader in broadband home management, and Visonic Ltd., a leading developer and manufacturer of wireless home security and safety systems and components, today announced a partnership to integrate Visonic security peripherals into the iControl OpenHome™ software platform. The joint development and marketing initiative combines Visonic’s extensive experience in wireless security with iControl’s advanced home management technology to enable a versatile range of security sensors and other devices dedicated for use with OpenHome.

Home security is widely considered to be a lynchpin in the ongoing evolution of home management and automation. With a choice of proven, highly reliable sensors and other security peripherals broadband service providers can confidently expand their next generation services offering to include home security and monitoring, home management and control, energy management and home health care.

“The addition of Visonic to the iControl Partner Program is a major milestone for us as it enables sensors and devices that are critical to our broadband service provider deployments,” said Jim Kitchen, Vice President of Strategy at iControl Networks. “With its advanced technologies and years of experience in wireless security, Visonic is an ideal partner to help us accelerate our home management ecosystem.”

Yigal Abram, VP Sales & Business Development at Visonic, commented: “Partnering with iControl opens a fast-growing new market to Visonic — leading broadband services providers who are currently building their home automation and management offering. We look forward to working together with iControl to open expanded opportunities to both our companies as well as to our service provider customers.”
The new Visonic security sensors and devices will communicate with the iControl platform using the ZigBee RF communication protocol, driven by a SoC (system on chip) from Ember Corporation. ZigBee technology offers numerous benefits for security devices designed to operate as part of a complete home management solution, including long battery life and long range. The first Visonic iControl-certified security sensors and peripherals will be available later this year.

About Visonic

The Visonic Group (TASE:VSC.TA), founded in 1973, is a leading developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge home security systems and components that provide people around the world peace of mind and safety in their homes. Building on its decades-long position at the forefront of home security innovation, Visonic is today leading the drive to expand the boundaries of security, offering advanced solutions to the full range of residential safety needs, from securing the house and contents to safeguarding the health and comfort of the people who live there.

Visonic’s offerings include a wide variety of home security systems, personal emergency response and safety systems, and a market-leading variety of peripherals. Visonic is headquartered in Israel, where it operates a development center and manufacturing plant. Its sales and marketing subsidiaries in the USA, Germany, UK, Poland, Spain and Hong Kong are supplemented by a worldwide network of distributors, serving a growing installed base that spans around 100 countries. Please visit www.visonic.com

About iControl Networks

iControl Networks is a venture-backed software and services company providing interactive solutions defining the broadband home management market. The iControl OpenHome™ Software Platform, an award-winning software solution that has made the Connected Home a reality, enables home security companies, broadband service providers and utilities to offer the next generation of home management, security and connectivity to their customers. Investors in iControl include ADT, Charles River Ventures, Cisco, Comcast Interactive Capital, GE Security, Intel Capital and the Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers iFund. For more information, visit www.icontrol.com.

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