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Southco and Digitus Biometrics Introduce Industry's First Biometric-Integrated Latch for Computer Server Racks

CONCORDVILLE, Pa. and SAVANNAH, Ga., February 1, 2011 — As electronic recordkeeping becomes universally accepted in the medical, computer, military and high-tech sectors, data becomes increasingly valuable. Securing that data now must extend down to the rack level in corporate and contracted datacenters. To meet this need, Southco and Digitus Biometrics have launched the first electromechanical latch (EML) system with an integrated biometric reader for server enclosures.

The db ServerRack access control system uses Southco's H3-EM Electronic Locking Swinghandle with a built-in, multi-stage fingerprint verification and access control system from Digitus Biometrics. The db ServerRack access control unit connects directly to a datacenter's network via an ordinary RJ45 connector. The system is anchored by Digitus Access Software (DAS), allowing user access to the cabinets to be managed from a single desktop. The system fits industry standard panel preparations and accommodates both left and right doors. And because the biometric reader is integrated into the handle, the entire system can be quickly and easily retrofitted into existing enclosures.

"We partnered with Southco on developing this product because they have industry leading expertise and the longevity to back it up," said Dave Orischak, CEO of Digitus Biometrics. "We wanted that reliability and we wanted a solution that was technologically advanced, yet offered the convenience of drop-in retrofitting."

Fast fingerprint validation eliminates the need for keys, cards or PIN pads and provides 100-percent accurate identification. Real-time monitoring of cabinets provides notification to key people, no matter where they are located. Interfaced with a monitoring network, DAS will provide security teams with complete accounting of all activity at the rack, including who accessed it, when it was accessed and the duration. Records can also be accessed remotely via the internet, so monitoring teams need not need be onsite.

The db ServerRack access control unit includes all needed software and is available in a 1U rack-mounted model or a Zero-U model that mounts to the cabinet wall with magnets, saving valuable rack space. The latch handle is constructed of glass-filled nylon. The latch itself is gear motor driven and only requires power at the moment of actuation. It can handle higher loads while using less than 200 milliamps of operating current.

"Clients are realizing the value of fully integrated solutions that provide security from the property perimeter all the way to the enclosure," said Steve Spatig, Southco's EAS business development manager. "The integration of the Digitus Biometrics solution with the Southco

Electronic Locking Swinghandle provides the optimum combination of secure networked access control with intelligent electronic locking at the rack level."

The db ServerRack access control system can be licensed for private label. The swinghandle can be customized with different colors, logos or installation configurations to suit a customer's needs.

Evaluation units are available upon request. To learn more about enclosure security, a free white paper is available for download at http://bit.ly/giGhqd.

About Southco
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About Digitus Biometrics
Since its founding in 2005, Digitus Biometrics has become a market leader in access security solutions via the application of its highly advanced fingerprint recognition technology, operating software, and unique system configurations. Today, the company's third generation fingerprint recognition technology provides unparalleled access security solutions in various high-profile installations including government, military, healthcare, educational and commercial facilities. Visit www.digitus-biometrics.com, call 912-231-8175 or email info@digitus-biometrics.com.

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