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Press Release

SARGENT BioFob™ Offers Wireless Biometric Security

New Haven, CT--Biometric security is a fingertip away with SARGENT's new BioFob™, the industry's first handheld, wireless biometric device. BioFob uses fingerprint-based biometrics to authenticate the identity of the device's owner before granting access to locks, computers or other proximity card/RF enabled equipment.

BioFob integrates easily with existing RF infrastructures, making it simple to overlay biometric verification into existing access control systems. The device is compatible with HID and Indala RFID systems and Bluetooth technology. No wiring or separate databases are needed. All fingerprint capture, encoding, processing and verification is done on the BioFob, and the user's credentials, not their biometrics, are transmitted wirelessly to access points or specified authorities.

Verifying user identity is quick and convenient with BioFob. After initial enrollment, the user places their finger on the fingerprint sensor. The device then recognizes the fingerprint and wirelessly transmits the appropriate credential. If the BioFob is lost or stolen, the device will not recognize the fingerprint of an unauthorized individual and will fail to operate. This biometric recognition brings a greater level of security to all access control systems.

The BioFob achieves enhanced security without sacrificing personal privacy. Since all biometric information is stored on the device, there is no need for a centralized biometric database.

The BioFob can be ordered pre-programmed with facility and ID codes or, with a Device Configuration Module, each device can be individually programmed for physical access.

The SARGENT BioFob was developed by Privaris, Inc., a technology company dedicated to solving security and privacy concerns for government and commercial applications. Privaris solutions directly address a broad range of security needs by performing biometric identity authentication and verification, and corresponding access authorization, without compromising an individual's personal privacy.

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About SARGENT

SARGENT® is a market leader in locksets, cylinders, door closers, exit devices, electro-mechanical products, and access control systems for new construction, renovation, and replacement applications. The company's customer base includes commercial construction, institutional and industrial markets. SARGENT is an ASSA ABLOY Group company. The ASSA ABLOY Group is the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of locks and associated products, dedicated to satisfying end-user needs for security, safety and convenience.

About PRIVARIS

Privaris, Inc. is a technology company dedicated to leading the adoption of portable, wireless, biometric security by individuals, corporations, and federal, state, and local governments. Designed to meet high security requirements without compromising personal privacy, Privaris' patented line of handheld, wireless, biometric devices are used for secure identity verification, facility access, computer and network access, and point of sale transactions. Privaris is a privately held corporation headquartered in Charlottesville, Virginia. For more information, call 703-592-1180 or visit the Privaris website at www.privaris.com.

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