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DESKTOPSITES LAUNCHES ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE SOFTWARE SOLUTION - KONECT 4.3

CALGARY, Alberta, June 7th, 2004 – desktopsites Inc. (“desktopsites”), a rapidly emerging leader in access infrastructure software for the small to medium enterprise (SME) business market, today announced the North American availability of Konect™ 4.3, the most robust and cost effective remote access infrastructure software. Extending beyond traditional products in this market, Konect 4.3 is the first session-based business desktop access infrastructure solution delivered over the Internet and the only solution to provide remote access to all enterprise resources, including software applications, web-based applications, content, documents, data sources, and / or hosted services, through a single desktop interface familiar to all information workers. Key benefits of Konect 4.3 include a simple deployment and maintenance environment enabling easy configuration and management of remote deployment of corporate resources, and a cost effective licensing model making access infrastructure affordable, available, and simple for organizations with less than 500 employees.

“Having tested Konect 4.3, I can certainly see the value in this product, especially in controlling user profiles and access to corporate resources,” said Mike Armstrong, Network Administrator for CDI College’s Calgary South Campus in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. “ Having the type of control that Konect offers can really give the employer an advantage. Give your employee’s only the tools they need to focus on their jobs, by keeping control of what they can and can’t do in your hands”.

Konect is a Java-based desktop that empowers SMEs to deliver remote access to workers for all corporate resources, including applications, documents, content, data stores, and services, running in a Windows 2000 Server (and soon to be available Windows Server 2003) environment. With a simple and powerful wizard-driven configuration environment, IT administrators can very easily enable browser-based access to IT infrastructure and corporate resources, personalized for each user’s needs, with secure connectivity over the Web. With Konect, there is no deployment of client software required and remote workers are able to easily connect from anywhere to corporate resources through their web browser.

Some of the key features of Konect 4.3 include:

Secure and Cost Effective Remote Access to Corporate Resources

Using industry-standard encryption technology such as Secure Sockets Layer (“SSL”), all traffic between remote workers and the server is highly secured. Konect does not require any pre-installed client software, so once deployed on the server, workers have remote access via the Internet. Konect delivers the benefits of a Virtual Private Network (“VPN”), for file access over the Internet, with the benefits of an Enterprise Information Portal (“EIP”), aggregated resources securely delivered in a personalized workplace, without the significant time and resource requirements of these solutions.

Seamless integration with Microsoft® Remote Desktop Protocol (“RDP”) and support for Citrix® MetaFrame® XP Presentation Server

Konect seamlessly integrates with Microsoft's RDP protocol and supports the Citrix® MetaFrame® XP series, minimizing the complexity in today's increasingly complex IT environments.

Personalized User Experience

Konect allows companies to rapidly deploy limited and controlled session-based business desktops. Role-based access, leveraging Windows Active Directory®, provides administrators the ability to deliver key corporate resources, applications, documents, content, data stores, and services subject to each worker's job function.

Common Protocol Support

Konect includes broad remote application and web protocol support. Rather than tunneling protocols through a single session-based protocol, Konect permits independent protocol traffic common to web-based computing, HTTP, HTTPS, PPTP, L2TP, RDP, and ICA®, in a highly secure environment, allowing for easy third party integration of application or web services with little or no customization and coding required.

Rapid Deployment

Konect is built on a flexible Java-based architecture and requires no programming or customization to be deployed. Konect can be immediately implemented to give workers instant, remote access to key corporate resources. Unlike Virtual Private Networks or Enterprise Information Portals, which can be costly and time-consuming to configure and deploy with extensive customization and consulting, Konect is easily deployable "out of the box" and delivers a simple, secure, cost-effective way to support workers with access to the resources they need to perform their jobs.

Konect 4.3 provides the following advantages to SMEs:

- **Application(s) deployment** – Windows application deployment projects that may take months in the past to implement can now be completed in hours.
- **Flexibility** – Organizations can respond to changing events much more rapidly by deploying a server-centric approach.
- **Manageability** – Konect provides significant benefits in the area of desktop administration and license management. No user client is required to setup, configure, and maintain. No desktop policies are required to setup, configure, and maintain on the server.
- **Security** – multifactor user authentication and full authorization, leveraging Microsoft's Active Directory® user rights and access privileges.
- **Connectivity** – Organizations can use inexpensive web access for remote users.
- **Total Cost of Ownership reduction** – Konect significantly lowers the costs of providing access infrastructure capabilities and support, allowing organizations to extend the useful life of applications and networks, and no additional hardware infrastructure is required. In addition, Konect reduces the costs of system administration and software updates on client applications.
- **Competitive Advantage** - Streamline IT administration, user support, and training. Savings in this area will allow investment elsewhere in an organization's IT infrastructure or to address other organizational requirements.
- **Increase employee productivity** – Konect allows organizations to quickly and efficiently deliver corporate resources across a dispersed enterprise.
- **Rapid Return On Investment** – Konect accelerates and simplifies every aspect of application distribution and management, significantly reducing or eliminating the time and costs associated with other approaches.

"Research from organizations such as IDC and Gartner clearly shows the intersection of two dominant trends. On the one hand, the centralized office is rapidly disappearing and being replaced with a hybrid network of workers, driving performance from anywhere at anytime by leveraging the proliferation of remote and mobile technologies. On the other hand, organizations are facing increasingly complex IT infrastructure environments that are needed to support this expanding remote workforce and are trying to



balance this with mounting pressure to reduce complexity and costs,” says Alex Bethlehem, CEO of desktopsites. “The small and mid-size enterprise space are the single largest employer of all workers and the least prepared from a financial and resource perspective to address these issues. And while solutions such as Citrix® MetaFrame® are generally available to the large enterprise market, the setup, maintenance, and support costs can position it beyond the reach of the SME market. This is why desktopsites developed Konect for the SME market. Konect offers SMEs a cost effective, simple, yet industry leading set of capabilities to deliver remote access solutions in support of a remote workforce and to reduce IT infrastructure costs and complexity. The SME market is price sensitive and tends to avoid solutions that are not easy to use and maintain. We believe Konect is the ideal solution for these organizations.”

About desktopsites

desktopsites is an emerging leader and innovator in access infrastructure and serverware solutions for the SME market space in North America. desktopsites solutions enable companies to simply and securely extend network resources through a web browser, wherever and whenever they are needed. Our Konect solution provides SMEs with a cost effective, secure, and familiar way to provide remote employees with remote access to applications, documents, content, data stores, and services. desktopsites was founded in 2000 and is based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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