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**SHAVLIK TECHNOLOGIES UNVEILS ITS NEXT GENERATION SOLUTION FOR
ENTERPRISE-WIDE VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT**

**Shavlik NetChk™ Protect 5.8 responds to customers' growing challenges to meet compliance
and security requirements across global user base**

St. Paul, MN (November 7, 2006) — Continuing its drive to simplify complex network security and help customers meet their compliance goals, Shavlik Technologies today announced the general availability of Shavlik NetChk™ Protect 5.8, representing the industry's first holistic approach to enterprise vulnerability management. This new release incorporates Active Vulnerability Management™ to automatically detect and prevent organizations from “security posture drift,” by continually assessing and remediating both configuration-based and software-based vulnerabilities.

Through ongoing feedback from Shavlik's extensive customer base of over 7,000 organizations, the company recognized a growing need within the enterprise, driven by compliance and risk management demands, to tighten control and centralize policies for all devices across the network – with the flexibility required by highly distributed environments. So Shavlik designed version 5.8 to ARM enterprise customers with a simpler way to automatically and continuously Assess, Remediate and Manage security vulnerabilities, and maintain this control network wide.

“When considering the enterprise wide compliance management problem, companies are increasingly considering security a key enabler to mitigate risk and limit vulnerabilities in a simpler, more automated fashion. Merely reacting to problems by patching is not enough as organizations continue to globalize and key assets become further distributed,” said Charles J. Kolodgy, research director, Security Products, IDC. “Shavlik has taken a proactive stand with their ARM approach to vulnerability management. For enterprises to get the whole picture they need to always take corporate compliance into account, organizations need to be able to easily perform Assessment, Remediation, and Management in a repeatable, consistent, and accountable way.”

“We were very impressed with the enterprise capabilities of Shavlik NetChk Protect 5.8,” stated Adrian Phillips, Leader of Microsoft Services for PMC-Sierra, a global provider of broadband communications and storage semiconductors. “Out of ten competing products, Shavlik's was the only solution that could deliver the capabilities we required for our highly distributed environment, 40% of which represent laptop users spread across the globe.”

Shavlik NetChk Protect 5.8 offers significant enhancements for vulnerability management including:

- **Industry's Most Flexible Scanning Options** – organizations can choose between **Agent-less and Agent-based** (or a combination) scanning and remediation options, giving customers the freedom to architect their solutions based on network and infrastructure requirements.
- **Distributed Policy Support** allows centralized patch policy management to delegate to distributed consoles, enabling organizations to automatically assess, remediate and manage the highest security risks on your network in an on-going, repeatable fashion
- **Aggregated Reporting, a key to Compliance management, enables you to perform** full trend reporting across the enterprise, through a data rollup console that reports on all managed machines, whether centralized or distributed.
- **Remote Laptop Support** – this includes a unique new industry feature that enables stand-alone patch management for remote and frequently disconnected devices.

“Our customers, as well as the analyst community, identified support for highly distributed environments, flexible deployment options, rich reporting capability, and up to the minute assessment data as key requirements for an enterprise wide vulnerability management solution,” said Mark Shavlik, president and CEO of Shavlik Technologies. “With Shavlik NetChk Protect 5.8 we are making a significant step beyond targeted patching solutions to provide enterprises with the tools to simplify their network security through ongoing and automated Assessment, Remediation and Management across an organization’s entire security posture – the key to Compliance Management.”

For more information please visit the Shavlik web site at www.shavlik.com.

About Shavlik Technologies

Shavlik Technologies, LLC provides solutions for preventing, detecting, and removing critical security threats. Founded in 1993, Shavlik Technologies is considered the industry standard for patch management solutions, with over 7,000 customers worldwide that trust Shavlik to provide the most up-to-date security patch data and the most comprehensive discovery capability to maintain their overall network security posture. Company CEO, Mark Shavlik, is widely acknowledged as a key founder of the patch industry, having teamed with Microsoft in 1999 to create the patch engine for Microsoft Base Security Analyzer (MBSA), which is still being relied upon by millions of users across the globe. The company also licenses its technology to over 20 leading security companies such as IBM, McAfee, BMC, Symantec and iPass. In 2006, Shavlik products were selected as winners of Readers Choice Awards from Redmond Magazine and Readers Trust Awards from SC Magazine.

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