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**SHAVLIK HFNETCHKPRO™ EXTENDED TO INCLUDE INDUSTRY'S FIRST
INTEGRATED ANTI-SPYWARE AND PATCH MANAGEMENT PRODUCT
FOR THE ENTERPRISE**

St. Paul, Minn. (December 22, 2004) —Shavlik Technologies, LLC, a leading provider of software security solutions, today announced Shavlik NetChk Spyware, its new anti-spyware product. Unlike most anti-spyware solutions currently on the market, Shavlik NetChk Spyware is designed specifically for the enterprise and is not simply an enhanced version of a home user product. It is also fully integrated with Shavlik's widely-used patch management product, Shavlik HFNetChkPro™.

Spyware has become an increasingly challenging problem for corporations around the world and can adversely impact productivity, decrease bandwidth and compromise network security by allowing computer hackers a foothold to systems. Generally, spyware is defined as any type of software that is remotely and oftentimes unknowingly installed on a computer with the purpose of gathering stored information and sharing it with third parties. The spyware issue gained additional exposure with the recent announcement from Microsoft Corporation that the software manufacturer had entered this space through the acquisition of Giant Company Software, Inc., a company which produces a consumer anti-spyware product.

Industry analysts have noted the need for effective enterprise solutions to the spyware problem. According to Arabella Hallawell, research vice president at Gartner Research, this has been elevated to a critical need. "Our clients report that spyware has become one of the most significant security problems, and many are urgently evaluating strategies for removing and preventing spyware."

According to Mark Shavlik, president and CEO of the company, Shavlik Technologies' decision to enter the anti-spyware market is a logical extension for the company as Shavlik has consistently focused on helping system administrators easily secure their networks. "We're excited to leverage our security expertise to help customers address the growing spyware problem. Unlike consumer-focused product lines, our approach is to view spyware as a corporate problem that should be managed by the IT professionals and systems administrators, who are responsible for the security and stability of each computer on the network, with the same tool they used for patch management. Our enterprise solution centralizes management of the spyware problem by placing control with the systems administrators rather than the end users."

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Shavlik also relied upon focus group input from key enterprise customers to guide the company in the product design phase. “Many of these large companies ranked spyware as their number one upcoming security risk,” continued Mark Shavlik. “Building a solution for the spyware problem fits into our overall strategy of providing security solutions to meet the needs of our customers, whether it’s patching, spyware or the next security risk. All of these products will leverage our award-winning user interface and agentless platform to enable administrators to easily and quickly manage security from a single console in 30 minutes or less. We will continue to add additional security management products as the market dictates.”

Shavlik has gained a reputation in the security industry for building quality software that is easy to use. The company’s new Shavlik NetChk Spyware product leverages the intuitive user interface found in Shavlik HFNetChkPro™, the industry-leading security patch management solution. This new product introduces Shavlik NetChk as the framework for the security management products Shavlik will be announcing in 2005.

Shavlik NetChk Spyware is scheduled to be broadly available in the second quarter of 2005. The product will be available directly from Shavlik or through many of Shavlik’s technology partners and resellers.

About Shavlik Technologies

Shavlik Technologies helps information technology managers and administrators manage computer system security including assessment, security scanning and remediation of security vulnerabilities due to missing patches, weak accounts and passwords. Shavlik’s security solutions include Shavlik HFNetChkPro™, the industry standard for security patch management, Shavlik Security Agents™, the company’s new agent-based patch management solution, Shavlik HFNetChkPro™ for Linux, the company’s web-based interface for the Linux environment, Shavlik EnterpriseInspector™, a powerful network inspection tool, and Shavlik AccountInspector™, an interactive account and password security tool.

Founded in 1993, Shavlik licenses its industry-leading technology to partners including BindView, BMC Software, Endforce, Microsoft, iPass, NetIQ, Quest Software and Symantec. Shavlik can be reached at www.shavlik.com.

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