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Cygnus, Inc. announces IP-enabled Network Lock Solution

Petoskey, MI., September 18, 2008 – Cygnus, Inc. is proud to announce the availability of an IP-enabled lock for their line of wall mount solutions. The locks connect directly to an IP network and eliminate the need for traditional control panels and expensive wiring. The locks feature “plug and play” functionality and can read a variety of HID cards.

The new lock was developed in response to customer requests for an IP-based, prox card access solution. This solution allows healthcare facilities to change access to any or all of their Cygnus cabinets from a single host computer. This system provides the highest level of security combined with convenient access control, an audit trail, ease of installation, and use of existing HID credentials.

The lock itself is a true network device with an IP Address assigned to it. A standard Cat5 or Cat6 data cable is directly connected to the rear of the lock and standard network troubleshooting techniques can be used. The lock can be setup as a card reader only, or equipped with an integrated keypad. The keypad can be used for additional user verification, or can serve as a secondary access request method.

The system leverages investment in the network by running power over the same wiring as the data. By utilizing power over Ethernet, customers can reduce the cost of installation labor and wiring by 30 % over traditional panel-based systems which require standard electrical power. The new lock also incorporates other ease-of-use features suggested by customers, including: an RJ45 plug with network activity lights replacing the typical “pigtail”; a power reset button; a power selector. In addition, the MS Windows software enables administrators to directly monitor and control an unlimited number of readers across the enterprise.

ABOUT CYGNUS, INC.

Founded in 1988, Cygnus, Inc. offers wall mounted articulating arms, and computer, charting, and medication cabinet solutions designed for form, function, and flow. All Cygnus products are manufactured in the USA with American-made components.

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