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BLACKBURN-BASED CONTROL KEY, A PROVIDER OF COMPUTER NETWORK AND SECURITY SOLUTIONS, WINS NATIONWIDE AWARD

Committed to doing business from the North West

22nd July 2008 - Local, Blackburn-based company Control Key, a specialist in computer network and security solutions, has won a nationwide award from UK distributor Wick Hill and US company WatchGuard.

The award 'WatchGuard Value Added Reseller of the Year' was given to Control Key in recognition of its consistently good sales and the very high standard of technical support and services offered to customers, both locally and around the country. The multi-functional WatchGuard products provided by Control Key protect computer users with a firewall and a range of security solutions, such as anti-virus and intrusion prevention.



David Phillips, WatchGuard product manager at UK Distributor Wick Hill, said: "Control Key richly deserves this award. The company's approach to delivering the right security solutions, on budget, has led to continued success. The award also recognises Control Key's excellent technical skills."

David Parkinson, director at Control Key, said: "We're delighted to win this award, at the end of a year in which we've grown our turnover by 15 percent, moved to a larger office and been short listed for the Microscope Security Reseller of the Year Award for the second time.

"We've worked with WatchGuard products since day one, and have integrated them into our projects alongside our email, server and network products. Computer security is at the top of everyone's agenda, and we now have nine solid years of working with companies around the country, from SMEs through to NHS Trusts."

Control Key is committed to carrying on its business from the North West. When it needed larger offices recently, due to expansion, the company moved from premises in Ribchester in the Ribble Valley to new premises in Blackburn. "We're definitely a nationwide company," said director David Parkinson, "but we want to stay based in the North West, where we have a core of customers and have just completed major projects like one at a North Western NHS trust."

About Control Key

"Control Key was formed in 1999 by IT professionals to create a technically focused reseller and implementer of network and security solutions. Rather than reaching a maximum number of clients with a broad range of little understood products, Control Key has carefully selected a portfolio to provide a highly complementary security environment around its clients' networks."

About Wick Hill

Established in 1976, VAD (value added distributor) Wick Hill specialises in secure IT infrastructure solutions. The company's portfolio covers IT security, performance, access, services and management. Wick Hill sources and delivers best-of-breed, easy-to-use solutions through its channel partners, providing customer support, implementation, technical services and authorised training courses.

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