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PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF PCI DSS AND PCI DSS 3.0 IN NINE LANGUAGES

- Translated materials to support global standards adoption -

WAKEFIELD, **Mass**., 20 February, 2014— Today, the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), an open global forum for the development of payment card security standards, announced that the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS) 3.0 are now available in nine languages. Organizations worldwide can now benefit from increased understanding of PCI Standards in their native language.

"It's important that organizations around the globe have the resources they need to protect card data," said Bob Russo, general manager, PCI Security Standards Council. "We're happy to make the PCI Standards available in a number of languages to assist organizations as they work to make payment security part of their business-as-usual practices."

PCI DSS and PA-DSS 3.0 were published in November 2013, with updates made based on feedback from the Council's global constituents and response to market needs. More than 50% of this feedback came from outside of the U.S., emphasizing the Council's active international membership base. Version 3.0 helps organizations worldwide make payment security part of their business-as-usual activities by introducing more flexibility, and an increased focus on education, awareness and security as a shared responsibility.

The PCI SSC website supports translated pages and PCI materials including the new PCI DSS v3.0 and PA-DSS v3.0 in the following languages: <u>Chinese</u>, <u>French</u>, <u>German</u>, <u>Italian</u>, <u>Japanese</u>, <u>Portuguese</u>, <u>Russian</u> and <u>Spanish</u>.

"We continue to be encouraged by the growing participation from global stakeholders in PCI Standards development, said Jeremy King, international director, PCI Security Standards Council. "We're optimistic that these translations will increase awareness and adoption of the standards and drive improved payment security."

The PCI Council has a sponsored translation policy for entities that wish to raise awareness and adoption of PCI Standards in their market through local language material provision. For more information, please contact press@pcissc.org.

About the PCI Security Standards Council

The PCI Security Standards Council is an open global forum that is responsible for the development, management, education, and awareness of the PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and other standards that increase payment data security. Founded in 2006 by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc., the Council has over 700 Participating Organizations representing merchants, banks, processors and vendors worldwide. To learn more about playing a part in securing payment card data globally, please visit: http://pcisecuritystandards.org.

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