Cisco Company History and Information

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CISCO SYSTEMS INC. IS THE WORLDWIDE LEADER in networking for the Internet. The company was founded in 1984 by two computer scientists from Stanford University seeking an easier way to connect different types of computer systems.

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- Cisco Systems shipped its first product in 1986 and is now a multi-national corporation, with over 35,000 employees in more than 115 countries. Today, Cisco solutions are the networking
- 35,000 employees in more than 115 countries. Today, Cisco solutions are the networking foundations for service providers, small to medium businesses, and enterprise customers which
- include corporations, government agencies, utilities, and educational institutions.

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- 12 Cisco's networking solutions connect people, computing devices, and computer networks, allowing
- people to access or transfer information without regard to differences in time, place, or type of
- 14 computer system.
- If anyone can lay claim to a 'heritage' in an industry as young as global networking, then it is
- 16 Cisco. Not only does 85 percent of Internet traffic travel across Cisco's systems, but we also use
- the Internet to run our own business online, from product orders and inventory management
- through to staff communications and travel expenses.
- So as you explore the possibilities for your business, start at the beginning. Cisco Systems built the
- 20 Internet so we know exactly what it takes to get your business online. Take advantage of our
- 21 experience and knowledge to get the Internet working effectively for your business.

²² Cisco Networking, Routers, and Switches

- 23 Scalable **Cisco networking routers and switches** serve business networks of various
- sizes. Cisco router models give users dependable application delivery, plus added features. They
- offer integrated services with a full range of wired and wireless options. One router can integrate
- voice, video, wireless and data services with highly secure connections. Cisco switches have been
- developed for small businesses with port and speed options to support network optimization. Easy-
- to-deploy, fixed-configuration switches from Cisco are available for Gigabit or Fast Ethernet
- 29 connections.

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Cisco Small Business Wireless Access Points

- Cisco Small Business Wireless Access Points combine business-class features with the reliability &
- performance needed for small business networks.
- The Cisco Aironet Series offers small & midsized enterprises great performance, functionality &
- reliability at a competitive price up to high-density network environments that utilize mission-
- 36 critical, high-performance applications.
- 37 Cisco Small Business Wireless RV Series Routers offer virtual private networking (VPN) technology
- that lets your remote workers connect to your network through a secure Internet pathway.

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Cisco Unified Communications Products

- Working within the network, Cisco Unified Communications products are linked to voice, video,
- messaging, mobility and web conferencing. The company's unified communications applications
- allow collaborators to stay connected through all devices. It also provides powerful solutions for a
- 44 workforce through voice and phone systems. Cisco's Unified communications tools, such as
- 45 the Unified IP phone, are designed to enhance productivity and competitiveness.

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