AuthenTec Eikon™ Digital Privacy Manager Is First to Combine Fingerprint Security with Symantec™ VIP Authentication Service Credential Monday, March 26, 2012 12:08:00 PM (GMT)

Enables Quick, Multi-factor Authentication for a Growing Number of Symantec VIP-approved Websites via AuthenTec's Eikon USB Fingerprint Peripheral

AuthenTec (NASDAQ: AUTH), a leading provider of mobile and network security, announced today that its popular Eikon™ Digital Privacy Manager now comes pre-configured with Symantec Validation and ID Protection Service (VIP). The addition of Symantec VIP to Eikon fingerprint readers allows users to quickly and easily perform three-factor authentication via a single swipe of a finger, combining something you are (your fingerprint) with something you know (password) and something you have (Eikon fingerprint reader). Symantec VIP protects networks, applications, and data against unauthorized access and is used on more than 700 websites including PayPal, eBay, Amazon, Merrill Lynch, T-Mobile and others.

The new Eikon-Symantec VIP solution is a powerful offering for consumer and enterprise PC users as well as IT administrators. Until now, users had to carry a physical authentication token or copy and paste the VIP code manually. Now with a convenient swipe of the finger, Eikon users are assured secure access to a multitude of Symantec VIP-approved sites. The solution also enables IT administrators to conveniently deploy multi-factor authentication while helping reduce the cost of managing physical tokens and effectively preventing network attacks from key loggers and other means.

"With Symantec's VIP strong authentication solution, customers don't have to choose between security and ease of use," said Kerry Loftus, senior director of Product Management, Symantec. "The new Eikon offering further simplifies the use of VIP solution as a second factor for authentication while making use of hardware features embedded in the fingerprint reader to bolster security. Businesses and consumers alike will appreciate the added security and usability when logging into their company's private network or an ecommerce or banking website."

"On-line fraud and unauthorized web access is a growing and significant problem. The newest addition to our popular Eikon fingerprint reader products combines enterprise-class security in an easy-to-use device for both consumer and enterprise that requires no typing of log-ins or passwords. Our offering delivers Symantec VIP in a very fast and convenient way, with one swipe of a finger," said Tom Aebli, AuthenTec Vice President of Software and e-Commerce. "Eikon Digital Privacy Manager Premium can be easily added to any PC and gives users very convenient, yet secure one-touch access to password-protected websites and online resources. We appreciate the support of the Symantec team for awarding us the Symantec VIP 'stamp of approval."

AuthenTec's Eikon Digital Privacy Manager Premium with Symantec VIP is now available from the AuthenTec Web store and through Amazon and other AuthenTec channel partners in the US and Europe. AuthenTec's software and eCommerce business supports the millions of fingerprint sensors already integrated into laptops, tablets and mobile phones. The software and eCommerce portfolio includes AuthenTec's TrueSuite® identity management software, Eikon fingerprint readers for PC and Mac, KeepVault online backup services, and mobile and PC applications that enhance security and the user experience.

Symantec's VIP Authentication Service is a leading cloud-based authentication service that enables enterprises to secure online access and transactions to help obtain compliance and reduce fraud risk. A fully hosted strong authentication Security as a Service solution, VIP offers a cost-effective way to give legitimate users access to business resources, enterprise applications and online websites while thwarting identity thieves and e-fraud cartels.

## **About AuthenTec**

AuthenTec is a leading provider of mobile and network security. The Company's diverse product and technology offering helps protect individuals and organizations through secure networking, content and data protection, access control and strong fingerprint security on PCs and mobile devices. AuthenTec encryption technology, fingerprint sensors and identity management software are deployed by the leading mobile device,

networking and computing companies, content and service providers, and governments worldwide. AuthenTec's products and technologies provide security on hundreds of millions of devices, and the Company has shipped more than 100 million fingerprint sensors for integration in a wide range of portable electronics including over 15 million mobile phones. Top tier customers include Alcatel-Lucent, Cisco, Fujitsu, HBO, HP, Lenovo, LG, Motorola, Nokia, Orange, Samsung, Sky, and Texas Instruments. Learn more at <a href="mailto:authentec.com">authentec.com</a> or follow us on <a href="mailto:Twitter @authentecnews">Twitter @authentecnews</a>.

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