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### **ABOVE SECURITY OBTAINS THE “APPROVED SCANNING VENDOR” CERTIFICATION FROM THE PCI SECURITY STANDARDS COUNCIL**

**Montreal (Canada), May 11th 2009** – Above Security, a Canadian firm that offers information risk management solutions, announces it has obtained the *Approved Scanning Vendor* (ASV) certification from the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council.

This new certification allows Above Security to perform vulnerability scans on merchants and payment services providers' information systems to make sure they comply with the PCI Data Security Standard. These vulnerabilities scans are some of the requirements that need to be done by merchants and payment service providers as part of their objective to protect credit card holder data. The scans are run on a quarterly basis and are meant to discover security breaches and vulnerabilities on information systems used to manage, store or process credit card data.

« Complying with PCI DSS allows organizations to better manage the risks associated with customer data and in many cases, to improve their business processes. », says Daniel Gaudreau, CISSP, CISA, CISM, and Vice-President of Operations at Above Security. « It also decreases the risks of fraud and the consequences of non compliance that range from important fines to fees escalation and jeopardize the corporate image. »

Above Security's Approved Scanning Vendor (ASV) certification is in addition to the current Qualified Security Assessor (QSA). This new certification will enable Above Security to accompany merchants and payment services providers in all of the requirements to obtain, to keep or improve their PCI-DSS compliance.

The ASV certification obtained by Above Security is a complement to the managed security and monitoring services product line that include intrusions detection and intrusions protection systems (IDS, IPS), vulnerability scans, as well as log aggregation. All of its services are offered in English, French and Spanish.

## **About Above Security**

Since 1999, Above Security' information risks management team has partnered with more than 250 organizations in 22 countries located in North America, Europe, the Caribbean, North Africa and Latin America.

It offers audit services on standards like Basel 2, ISO 27001 and the *World Lottery Association* (WLA).

Its clientele is composed of companies in various industries, notably: finance, banking, pharmaceutical, telecommunications, manufacturing and government entities.

Above Security strategic consulting capabilities and its unique 24/7 Managed Security Services allow their customers to concentrate on their business, knowing they can count on Above Security for their peace of mind.

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