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**SILEX TEAMS WITH PANASONIC DIGITAL DOCUMENT COMPANY TO PROVIDE USB
DEVICE ACCESS AND NETWORKING**

***Device Servers Connect Printers, Scanners, and Electronic White Boards to Wired and
Wireless Networks***

SALT LAKE CITY, March 29, 2005—silex technology america, Inc. today announced it has teamed up with Panasonic Digital Document Company, Unit of Panasonic Corporation of North America, to provide wired and wireless USB device networking capabilities for Panasonic's color laser printer, Panaboard® series of electronic whiteboard, and scanner customers.

Under the agreement, Panasonic will sell silex's SX-3700WB wireless USB device server to provide wireless network connectivity for Panasonic's color laser printers, and to provide wireless access to its full line of USB enabled electronic whiteboards. Panasonic will also sell silex's SX-5000U2 USB device server with Panasonic's USB enabled scanners.

"The flexibility and ease of use of silex USB device servers provides Panasonic with the ability to address both the wired and wireless networking needs of its multiple product lines," said Keith Sugawara, silex vice president networking division. "We are pleased to provide such an elegant method for Panasonic's customers to utilize the unique and different capabilities of Panasonic's USB devices—lowering costs and increasing productivity and convenience."

silex device servers eliminate many of the challenges associated with utilizing USB business devices.

- Panasonic Electronic Whiteboards—When used with a silex SX-3700WB wireless USB device server, notebook computer users can wirelessly access notes from an electronic whiteboard.
- Panasonic Color Printers—The silex SX-3700WB allows customers to place Panasonic color laser printers anywhere within a wireless network for wireless access and printing capabilities.
- Panasonic Scanners—The silex SX-5000U2 Hi-speed USB device server allows users to connect Panasonic's USB scanners directly to a network creating a shared scanner resource that is more cost effective and productive than a scanner connected to a devoted PC.

“One of the greatest challenges our customers have is providing easy access to our imaging products in either wired or wireless environments,” said Gary Bailer, Panasonic’s Product Manager. “Providing silex’s device servers to our customers creates an exceptionally convenient way to provide access of our electronic whiteboards, color laser printers and scanners to many people in a variety of environments.”

The collaboration ushers in the ability for corporations of all sizes to utilize easy and cost effective access to the following Panasonic USB devices. Additional models will be added in 2005:

SX-3700WB Wireless USB Device Server:

- Panasonic Color Laser Printers—KX-CL500 and DP-CL21 Series.
- Panasonic Panaboard White Board models —UB-5310, UB-5315, UB-5815, and UB-7325.

SX-5000U2 Hi-Speed 2.0 USB Device Server:

- Panasonic Panaboard White Board models —UB-5310, UB-5315, UB-5815, and UB-7325.
- Panasonic Scanners—KV-S2026C, KV-S2046C, KV-S3065CL, KV-S3065CW, and KV-S7065C.

The silex SX-5000U2 is a simple to use four-port USB device server utilizing USB 2.0 Hi-speed for fast performance, ideal for transferring large amounts of data over the wired network. It connects directly to a 10/100 Ethernet network. Up to four USB devices can be connected directly to the SX-5000U2 for use by everyone on the network. With an added USB hub, up to nine devices can be connected.

As the numbers of wireless networks and access points continues to grow due to the low cost and convenience they provide, wireless connectivity products become increasingly important. The SX-3700WB is one of the first single-port wireless device servers to connect any networkable USB peripheral to the network.

silex Device Servers

SX-5000U2 USB Device Server —The SX-5000U2 is one of the first USB 2.0 Hi-Speed devices server available.

- USB 2.0 Hi-Speed device server designed to connect up to four USB devices
- Includes USB device resource manager that allows all computer users on the network to use Panasonic electronic whiteboards, and scanners along with other USB devices
- With a USB hub connected to the SX-5000U2, users can share up to nine USB devices on the network
- Windows 2000/XP and Windows Server 2003 compatible
- IPv6 compatible
- Includes silex’s Web browser administrator manager utilities
- Enhanced security IP filtering
- Features automatic e-mail printing
- MSRP of \$229

SX-3700WB—Connects Panasonic USB devices directly to the network.

- Wireless USB support for Panasonic color laser printers, electronic whiteboards, and scanners.
- Optional USB pen or thumb drive wireless setup
- Allows IT managers to save costs of wiring and management while providing the convenience and productivity enhancements of wireless
- Windows 2000/XP and Windows Server 2003 compatible
- IPv6 compatible
- silex's Web browser administrator manager utilities
- Enhanced security IP filtering
- Features automatic e-mail printing
- Printer status monitoring
- MSRP of \$179

Availability

The SX-5000U2 and SX-3700WB device servers are available from Panasonic authorized dealers. They are also available through silex resellers and retailers nationwide.

About silex technology america

silex technology america, Inc. is a subsidiary of silex technology, Inc. (NASDAQ:6679), a 30-year developer of systems, developer of external and embedded device-to-device connectivity products and biometric fingerprint readers and software. silex has become one of the largest global suppliers of print server products over the past 10 years, and also offers a full line of biometric solutions. silex technology america is focused on offering leading edge print servers, device servers, and fingerprint security devices that help enterprises, small to medium businesses and individuals improve the way they move data, print, and secure information. For additional information, call (801) 748-1199 or go to www.silexamerica.com or www.silexreseller.com.

About Panasonic Digital Document Company

In the United States, Panasonic Digital Document Company, Unit of Panasonic Corporation of North America, markets a broad line of digital imaging systems, computer peripherals and office system products designed specifically for business use. Products available include fax and Internet fax machines, digital copiers, network multifunction devices, document management systems, scanners, electronic whiteboards, color and monochrome laser printers and impact printers. Headquartered in Secaucus, NJ, Panasonic Corporation of North America is the principal North American subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (NYSE: MC) of Osaka, Japan. For more information, visit <http://www.panasonic.com/office>.