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Virginia Port Authority Purchases Automated Video Monitoring System from IVC in a Large Scale Security Upgrade

Watertown, MA – June 11, 2004 – In response to newly implemented government security regulations, one of America’s largest shipping ports recently installed IVC video cameras and video management technology. The Virginia Port Authority found the IVC security system meets their demanding and complex security requirements in ways that others couldn’t.

The scope of the project and the broad needs of the VPA complex, which is actually three ports sprawling over 15 square miles, is handled ably by the IVC system. Installation was speeded and costs were kept low by using a new wireless network to interconnect 91 video cameras. The IVC system employs sophisticated software to monitor the video feeds and distinguish between normal daily movements and suspicious activities. The video analysis software makes it practical to provide effective, continuous monitoring, in contrast to relying on security people to view a large bank of video monitors. Additionally, the IVC system makes it possible for any authorized person to view and control any of the PTZ cameras from anywhere on or off the port premises. This makes rapid and comprehensive responses to intrusions, fire, terrorism, etc. possible by removing the need to physically go to a security office to view the live and recorded video.

The VPA security overhaul is in response to the Maritime Transportation Security Act passed late in 2003 which requires ports around the country to comply with the new terrorism protection measures. Norman Fast, President of IVC, remarked, “IVC systems are ideally suited for these large port security systems because we have developed a range of tools that facilitate integration with third party software. Our open architecture allows the system to be configured and modified as the requirements of the system expand. We have already seen a convergence of security, transportation and emergency management systems evolving under Homeland Security.”

Bill Richards, IVC’s Vice President of Engineering, commented, “The demands of this project required the use of wireless technology to avoid literally miles of trenching and laying cable. Using IP radios the whole installation was completed in less than three months.”

Based in Watertown, Massachusetts, IVC is a manufacturer/integrator of IP-based video systems and a developer of advanced software for managing networks of video cameras. Their video systems are used in a variety of applications by companies of all sizes. IVC offers a range of IP cameras including pan-tilt zoom, fixed, remote zoom and varifocal (manual zoom) cameras.

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