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Socket Delivers First Hi-Speed Digital Phone Card Enabling Connection Between Pocket PCs and Verizon Wireless' High-Speed Express Network

Wireless Data Link Enables Mobile Professionals to Access Email, the Internet and Corporate Networks at Data Speeds Similar to 56K Landline Connections

Newark, CA, April 16, 2002 - Socket Communications Inc. (Nasdaq: SCKT; Pacific Stock Exchange SOK), the Mobile Connection™ Company, today announced the first, high-speed digital phone card (DPC) to provide connectivity between Pocket PCs and the Verizon Wireless Express Network, using a high-speed data-enabled mobile phone, such as the Kyocera 2235, to establish the wireless link. This new connectivity offering provides mobile professionals with high-speed access to email, the Internet, and corporate networks at data speeds similar to 56 Kbps landline connections.

"Access to high-speed wireless data networks will facilitate broader use of Pocket PCs," said David Hayden, president of MobileWeek, a mobile and wireless consultancy. "Socket continues to lead the pack for mobile connections that keep pace with the latest technology, enabling users to easily achieve similar data rates on the road as they get in the office."

In keeping with Socket's mission to provide Mobility Friendly™ products, the new Hi-Speed DPC contains built-in software that automatically sets up the high-speed operating parameters needed for the connection, making it simple for users to take advantage of the faster speeds. In addition, the card is built to take up the least amount of space in your pocket and consume the least amount of battery power than any product of its kind. The card's universal CompactFlash form factor is compatible with a wide variety of Pocket PCs from manufacturers like Hewlett-Packard, Casio, Compaq, Toshiba and NEC.

"Our customers have been eager to take advantage of the new, wireless high-speed data networks being deployed throughout America so that they can get fast access to their email and the Internet using their Pocket PCs," said Peter Phillips, senior director of marketing at Socket. "The new Hi-Speed DPC lets them do this, enabling these mobile professionals to keep on top of things while away from the office."

The Hi-Speed Digital Phone Card will be available initially through Mobile Planet via the Socket web site (www.socketcom.com/product/hispeed.htm) for a suggested retail price of \$109.00.

About Socket

Socket Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: SCKT, PSE: SOK), the Mobile Connection Company, provides the broadest range of connection products for Windows powered handheld computers, including Bluetooth cards, wireless LAN cards, digital phone cards, 56K modem cards, and Ethernet cards. Socket also provides bar code scanning products and peripheral connection serial cards for laptops and other mobile devices. Socket products are Mobility Friendly™, leading the market with the smallest footprint and most Battery Friendly® in their class, while being easy to install, use and maintain. Socket products work with handheld devices made by leading handheld manufacturers, including Compaq, Hewlett Packard, Toshiba, Casio, and Palm. Socket also works closely with Microsoft and with mobile

phone manufacturers, including Nokia, Ericsson, and Motorola, to ensure smooth interoperability between the companies' product lines. Socket is headquartered in Newark, California, and can be reached at (510) 744-2700, or on the Internet at www.socketcom.com.

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