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**BroadGuard[®] BBR1000
Broadband Communication Gateway**

**SOHware[®] Introduces the First
In a New Family of Business VPN Gateways**

Santa Clara, CA, May 1, 2003 – SOHware[®] announces the BBR1000, the first in a new family of business class VPN gateways, known as BroadGuard[®].

The BroadGuard[®] BBR1000 targets SMB and SOHO businesses who need VPN connections to secure communication between the distributed locations of their network using high speed Internet. By deploying the BBR1000 at a branch office or home office location, a business can extend a secure Intranet to remote locations and telecommuters and maximize the productivity benefits of Broadband Internet access.

Superior Performance-to-Price

Taking advantage of the latest in VPN processing technology, SOHware's BBR1000 enables businesses to deploy a business-class solution at a cost that provides outstanding return on investment. All feature software is included in the base price to support firewall, access control and VPN applications, and there are no ongoing licenses to purchase or restrictions on the number of user seats.

Says SOHware VP of Product Management, Ashok Kumar, "The BBR1000 represents an outstanding value for the small and medium business or SOHO market looking to exploit broadband Internet to interconnect their offices with a highly secure virtual private network in a cost effective manner and with excellent performance."

Business Class VPN

Supporting up to 32 simultaneous VPN tunnels, the BBR1000 supports a branch office secure connection to a corporate headquarters and/or telecommuting staff members. VPN functionality fully supports manual or auto-key generation with 3DES encryption, and is compatible with other IPSec/IKE gateways to assure seamless integration with corporate VPN servers.

To take wireless networking to the next level of security the BBR1000 enables VPN tunnels on the LAN between PCs running VPN client software and the gateway, when connecting via a wireless Access Point such as the SOHware's NWH660 Infrastructure

AP. Supporting either IPSec or PPTP tunneling on the LAN, the wireless network can now be made far more secure than basic WEP encryption. When using Microsoft's MPPE based client built into Windows XP, setting up a PPTP tunnel to the BBR1000 is extremely simple.

Security and Manageability

In addition to VPN, the BBR1000 includes a Stateful Packet firewall with pre-defined security levels that prevents unauthorized access from the Internet and blocks attempts at Denial of Service. The firewall is ICISA[®] certified to assure business-class integrity. Complete port forwarding and mapping are included to enable business applications without compromising the secure firewall.

By initiating a VPN connection, a network administrator can remotely access one or more BBR1000's deployed as part of the corporate Intranet. Each separate network may be viewed from the integrated management web interface that includes a graphical network map. This network map offers an innovative value typical available only on Enterprise level management software. The BBR1000 supports Windows file sharing, so that shared folder status of individual PCs on each gateway network is viewable from the network map, allowing the administrator unprecedented access to manage each LAN environment for the entire Intranet from a single station.

Additional features that benefit the small business include an automated firmware update option that eliminates the need to manually maintain and upgrade the gateway, as well as, flexible alert messaging options that notify the administrator of security and performance events.

SOHOware is shipping samples of the BBR1000 now and will begin volume shipments starting in June. The list price is to be \$649.99, with no additional ongoing licensing or software purchase required. SOHOware's reseller partners include System Integrators, VAR's, and commercial divisions of Broadband Service Providers.

About SOHOware[®]

SOHOware, Inc. was founded in 1990, and its innovations have paced the development of the wireless broadband networking industry since 1996, when it introduced the first generation of CableFREE[™] wireless networking products. The company continues to meet the demand for next generation networks that extend the reach of Broadband access to SMBs, SOHO and telecommuters, MxUs, hot spots, institutions, hotels and hospitality venues through best of breed wireless, LAN and WAN products. More than 1 million North American broadband subscribers are powered by SOHOware wired and wireless networking products. SOHOware[®], *We make networking personal*[®] and BroadGuard[®] are registered trademarks of SOHOware, Inc. For more information please visit www.sohoware.com.

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