

Security specialist protects its intellectual property worldwide

**Wibu-Systems receives an essential US patent for CodeMeter<sup>®</sup>, a Digital Rights Management System,**

Karlsruhe – Wibu-Systems AG, a leading German manufacturer of hardware based protection solutions for software, documents, access and media, announced today their latest patent combining a high level of security with flexible license management for all vendors of software and digital content. The new technique is helpful for representing a trouble-free variety of license models requested by the author.

The United States Patent & Trademark office awarded U.S. Patent No. 7,143,293 on November 28, 2006, entitled "Procedure for the protection of computer software and/or computer-readable data as well as protective equipment". It allows the secure transfer of licenses that belong to one or several authors. This mechanism offers advantages for vendors and users at the same time: the author can program the license hardware called a CmStick or extend an existing CmStick with his data so that it can be reprogrammed remotely only by the author. The CmStick is especially valuable for the user because the CodeMeter combined licenses can be stored by different authors in to one single hardware and so it is possible to abandon the necessity of using several dongles all provided by different authors. The license transfer happens comfortably with any – even unprotected – communications. The licenses will be stored in the high security part of the CmStick, so they can be used on any mobile computer.

"The content of our patent is pioneering for existing patents in the area of Digital Rights Management whose assignments often take a long time", explains Oliver Winzenried, C.E.O and founder of Wibu-Systems AG. "With the award of the patent our worldwide patent portfolio has increased and we have achieved the international protection of our unique solution for secure management of rights in



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the important countries. We previously received the corresponding patents in Europe and Japan. Innovative solutions are at the center of our development for software that requires a secure protection and for digital rights management."

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WIBU-SYSTEMS AG was founded in 1989 by Oliver Winzenried and Marcellus Buchheit. The main focus is in the fields of Digital Rights Management, software protection, license management, document protection and access control. The company located in Karlsruhe has distributors all over the world, offices in Seattle, USA, as well as in Shanghai, China, and sales offices in Great Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands.

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