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***Aplix Corporation and RSA Security Tie Up on Security Implementations for
Java-based Embedded Systems***

To provide tools on JBlend for implementing world-standard security functions.

Tokyo, Japan - June 14, 2001 - Aplix Corporation (head office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Ryu Koriyama) and RSA Security Japan Ltd. (head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Osamu Yamano) today announced that the two companies are combining forces to provide strengthened security functions in Java-based embedded solutions.

Under the partnering agreement, Aplix Corporation will offer the RSA BSAFE SSL-C software developer kit as an optional component in the Aplix Corporation JBlend Java solution for embedded systems. RSA BSAFE SSL-C, with more shipments worldwide than any other such product, enables developers to integrate SSL security protocol in their applications. Vendors using JBlend to develop embedded system applications will be able to implement Internet security protocol, authentication, encryption and other security functions in their products easily, without the need for specialized training or staff.

Aplix Corporation JBlend is widely recognized as an industry-standard Java platform for embedded systems. Adopted in cell phones and a variety of other devices, it has won acclaim as a key technology for developing next-generation Java-based embedded systems. The RSA BSAFE Series offers a line of developer kits for various Internet security protocols. Boasting worldwide shipments of more than a billion licensed copies to date, it is the industry standard encryption toolkit. The RSA BSAFE SSL-C to be offered as an option with JBlend is an encryption tool for incorporating network security functions in applications. SSL protocol is used to establish secure communication links and to authenticate servers and clients.

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With the growing demands for improved communications and network functions in next-generation Java-based information devices and digital appliances, stronger Internet security functions are becoming increasingly essential. For Aplix Corporation, enhancement of the development environment for JBlend-equipped systems should result in wider use of embedded Java. RSA, by supporting JBlend, a product fast becoming an industry standard, gains an opportunity for wide provision of an environment for efficiently developing products with secure communications and network functions, including the use of SSL for establishing secure communication links, and functions for authentication of servers and clients. The agreement to form a partnering relationship stems from the two companies' recognition of these and other mutual benefits. Together they are also planning to provide an embedded systems development environment in the wireless PKI field that will enable a higher level of security functions to be implemented with quick turn-around time.

Commenting on the partnering agreement, Aplix Corporation President Ryu Koriyama said, "The combination of JBlend and RSA BSAFE SSL-C is sure to be a winner. JBlend already has an impressive record as the leading embedded Java solution for small consumer products, and RSA BSAFE is the industry standard for implementing security functions. We'll now be able to offer our JBlend customers an environment for developing products with the high security essential in the network society. In so doing, we hope to contribute toward making that network society work better."

RSA Security Japan President Osamu Yamano had this to say: "As the Internet comes to be used increasingly in non-PC devices such as cell phones, mobile information devices and consumer electronics, security needs are going to become greater. Aplix Corporation is a major player in embedded Java development, a field that is growing dramatically. We at RSA Security are pleased to be supporting Aplix Corporation on the security front."

Aplix Corporation and RSA Security will carry on joint marketing of JBlend and RSA BSAFE. Shipment of JBlend with RSA BSAFE SSL-C is scheduled to start in (month) of this year.

About JBlend

JBlend is Java™ technology for embedded systems. While retaining the advantages of existing software resources, it combines the strengths of real-time OS tasks, with their network support and scalability, and Java™ optimized for embedded use. JBlend was originally developed by merging Sun Microsystems' Java™ platform with an ITRON-specification embedded OS. Taking advantage of the outstanding real-time performance of the ITRON architecture, the result was a real-time operating system (RTOS) equipped with a user-friendly GUI environment. This winning combination has enabled developers to create new products for the market in much less time than before, greatly reducing the development effort required. JBlend versions supporting many other RTOS architectures besides ITRON are being readied, in order to provide a broader range of embedded Java™ solutions. JBlend

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has already won adoption in popular consumer products. For example, Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd. has chosen JBlend for their "Digital Image Album," a device for storing and viewing digital still images. JBlend has been adopted in Sony's Mini Disc camcorder, the MD DISCAM. And it will be used in the next-generation J-Phone, KDDI,NTT DoCoMo brand of cellular phones. These and many more adoptions, including joint development projects with major manufacturers that have yet to be announced, are making JBlend an industry standard for Java™ implementations in next-generation digital consumer products.

About RSA BSAFE

RSA BSAFE is a security toolkit enabling developers to integrate encryption, authentication and other security functions in software and hardware. It is used in well-known Internet applications for implementing security protocol and developing PKI applications. These include Web servers and browsers, wireless devices, e-commerce servers, electronic mail systems, and VPN. Already approximately a billion licensed copies have been shipped. RSA BSAFE offers full support for SSL, S/MIME, WTLS, IPsec, PKCS and other emerging standards. It is enabling vendors to implement high-quality security functions and greatly shorten product development time.

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