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## **New Infosec firm, Halock Security Labs™, formed after successful takeover**

*Minority equity partners of Remington Associates perform majority buyout and re-launch as Halock*

**Chicago, IL, December 2007:** After 30 combined years in the field building an effective approach for professional services, Remington Associates' partners Terry Kurzynski and Jeremy Simon engineered a bloodless takeover to realize the full potential of their philosophy of **Purpose Driven Security™**. "In order to execute this vision, we recognized the need to restructure the organization as a hybrid services firm, capable of addressing both the strategic and technical security needs of our clients," says Terry Kurzynski, Halock's incoming CEO.

**Purpose Driven Security™** is Halock's unique service philosophy that derives solutions from its client's strategy or Information Security Policy. "Historically, traditional infosec firms have oversold security that may not be 'appropriate' for an organization's needs," says Kurzynski.

"Most of the traditional security firms have one hammer and everything looks like a nail, thereby putting client's information assets at risk," says Jeremy Simon, Halock's CTO and Partner. "Most vendors approach clients already 'knowing' the solutions to solve their problems. They have their tools and their goal is to map your needs to their limited toolset."

"How could we in good conscience recommend solutions that did not trace back to enterprise security requirements and the Information Security Policy? Our approach from the beginning has been to clarify and harmonize our client's legislative, regulatory, contractual and business requirements for security, and pair that up to appropriate solutions," says Kurzynski. Halock has built a base of loyal clients in the finance, healthcare and retail sectors over the last decade.

Halock applies its philosophy systematically; first identifying all of the client's security requirements and developing an appropriate strategy and Information Security Policy; Halock then assesses a client's ability to meet those requirements. "Only after these steps have been taken can we help determine *appropriate* controls for meeting the gaps," says Simon. "It is the translation from strategy to implementation of controls where most traditional firms fall short. We educate and enable our clients to build and maintain their own Information Security Program. The entire process literally defines **Purpose Driven Security™**."

Halock offers a full range of services that are entirely interconnected: Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard (DSS) compliance and validation, ISO 27001 Readiness, Systems and Application Security, and Ethical Hacking training.

Halock's two partners, Terry Kurzynski and Jeremy Simon are both practicing security and audit professionals. In fact, Halock's entire consulting and engineering team is required to be Certified Information Systems Security Professionals as a baseline, with additional specialty skills and certifications including Qualified Security Assessor, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and Certified Ethical Hacker.

When asked about the origin of the Halock name, Kurzynski explains that he is a retired skydiver and the root name HALO stands for High-Altitude-Low-Opening. "It's a fitting analogy," says Kurzynski, "we saw the opportunity and knew we had to do a head-down dive and move fast".

#### **About Halock Security Labs:**

Halock Security Labs (*formerly Remington Associates*) is a professional services organization focused 100% on information security. Halock's core services include Assessments, Security Strategy, Network & Systems Security, and Web Application Security. We are in partnership with our clients to provide Purpose Driven Security to protect critical information assets as well as to meet compliance needs.

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