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**Softchoice to Resell Certeon S-Series to Deliver Application Acceleration**

*-- Softchoice and Certeon Partner to Speed Line of Business Application Access for Global Enterprise Customers --*

**BURLINGTON, Mass. – July 24, 2006** – Certeon, the first vendor to provide secure application acceleration from desktop to the data center, today announced that Softchoice Corporation (TSX:SO) has joined the Certeon Partner Acceleration Program as an Alliance Reseller Partner. Softchoice, one of North America’s fastest growing providers of IT products and services, will resell Certeon’s S-Series™ Application Acceleration Appliances to maximize speed, security, and scalability of business applications accessed over a WAN.

Through the partnership, Softchoice will resell Certeon’s application acceleration appliances through the company’s extensive, multi-tiered channel distribution network. Named 2006 Software VAR of the Year by *VARBusiness Magazine*, Softchoice is dedicated to helping businesses and organizations of all sizes select, acquire, and manage their software and hardware technology resources. Softchoice has partnered with Certeon to deliver accelerated application solutions for mission-critical business applications including Microsoft® SharePoint® Products and Technologies and Microsoft Office™ System.

“Softchoice has a proven track record in delivering application solutions to medium and large enterprises, and in particular, delivering IT solutions within distributed environments,” stated John Lloyd, vice president, business development, Certeon. “Certeon’s unique Secure Acceleration Technology is perfectly aligned with Softchoice’s ability to deliver solutions to customers who are deploying networked application environments to remote users, especially those environments using Microsoft Office and SharePoint applications.”

Certeon’s solution is considered best-of-breed because of its unique Application Acceleration Blueprints™ for accelerating applications to remote branch offices over a WAN. These Blueprints allow for the acceleration of distributed generic HTTP, Microsoft, and Oracle application environments at unprecedented levels by decreasing the impact of the WAN on application performance.

“We are excited to include Certeon’s S-Series Application Acceleration Appliances in our expanded list of offerings for maximizing the performance of Microsoft Office and SharePoint environments,” states Hal Jagger, vice president of marketing, Softchoice. “Certeon’s solutions are in synch with our focus on helping customers increase the productivity, efficiency, and profitability of their organizations through effective IT solutions.”

“With more than 400 sales people and a rapidly growing Microsoft business, Softchoice is the perfect solution for broadening Certeon’s market reach,” added Lloyd.

#### **About Softchoice**

Softchoice helps North American businesses and organizations of all sizes select, acquire and manage their software and hardware technology resources. Softchoice achieved the designation as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies by Deloitte and the National Post in 2001, 2002, 2003 and qualified again for the fourth time in 2004. In 2006, the Company was named to Canadian Business Magazine's prestigious list of Best Workplaces in Canada. Headquartered in Toronto, Softchoice currently has 630 employees operating from more than 30 branches located in major cities across the U.S. and Canada. Approximately 60 percent of Softchoice's revenue is generated through its U.S. operations.

Softchoice's stock is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) under the trading symbol "SO". The Common Shares of Softchoice are not registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and are not publicly traded in the United States.

#### **About Certeon**

Certeon provides the industry’s first solution for Secure Application Networking™ to deliver secure application acceleration from the desktop to the data center. Based on Certeon’s patent-pending Secure Acceleration Technology, the company’s S-Series appliances with embedded Application Acceleration Blueprints is the only solution on the market which speeds mission-critical applications and minimizes network traffic, while maintaining end-to-end security. Founded in 2003, Certeon is a private company funded by Globespan Capital Partners and Sigma Partners. The Company is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. For more information, visit [www.certeon.com](http://www.certeon.com) or call 781-425-5200.

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