Polycom launches Polycom® SpectraLink® 8452, the first enterprise-grade voice-over Wi-Fi handset with integrated 2D barcode scanner

New handset combines a mobile phone, pager and barcode scanner with Web access to improve employee responsiveness and productivity in healthcare, retail, manufacturing, and hospitality environments

January 30, 2012 - Wavelink, distributors of Polycom's voice communications solutions, has announced the availability of the Polycom® SpectraLink® 8452, the first enterprise-grade voice-over Wi-Fi handset with an integrated 2D barcode scanner.

The handset combines a mobile phone, pager, push-to-talk functionality, barcode scanner and access to Web-based applications in a single lightweight device.

As an easy-to-use, multi-function solution, the SpectraLink 8452 improves workplace efficiency by letting workers communicate and access data in a variety of ways from anywhere within the enterprise Wi-Fi network.

The barcode scanner in the Polycom SpectraLink 8452 handset has the capability to read both 1D and 2D barcode images in hundredths of a second from a scanning distance of up to 86.36 centimetres (34 inches) and from a wide range of horizontal and vertical scan angles.

The handset also features the legendary Polycom HD Voice™ sound quality for natural, crystal-clear conversations, a large colour display with a simple and intuitive user interface, enterprise-grade durability, simple provisioning and management and support for accessories such as battery packs and headsets.

The Polycom SpectraLink 8452 handset is in the process of qualification to display and share call and directory information via Microsoft® Lync™, which includes features such as presence and instant message information.

For long-term investment protection, the Polycom SpectraLink 8452 is the first enterprise-grade voice-over Wi-Fi handset to combine barcode scanning, web-based application integration with support for latest IEEE Wi-Fi standard (802.11n), and offers best-in-class warranty, maintenance and service offerings.

Sten Dyrmose, general manager, wireless solutions, Polycom, said, "The award-winning Polycom SpectraLink 8400 series, including the new 8452 phone, improves productivity and responsiveness of workers and meets the critical communication needs in rigorous environments such as hospitals, retail stores, factory floors and hotels.

"The multiple benefits of the handset also extend to the bottom line, delivering up to 40 per cent lower total cost of ownership than competing solutions."

With the capability to encode about 65 times more data than 1D barcodes into a physically smaller label, 2D barcodes are quickly gaining popularity in the enterprise. This is especially true for industries where work is highly mobile and employees need instant access to data from the network in order to do their jobs. By integrating 2D barcode scanning technology in an enterprise-

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grade, durable handheld communications device, Polycom solves these challenges across a number of industry use cases, such as:
* healthcare, where clinical staff can increase patient safety by scanning barcodes on wristbands to obtain medical records and verify patient medication
* retail, where staff can offer better customer service by scanning barcodes for product inventory checks while interfacing with customers on the sales floor
* industrial manufacturing, where manufacturers scan barcodes to track parts and products through the supply chain.

The SpectraLink 8452 is available now. For more information, visit the product series page at www.polycom.com/sl8400.

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