

Athena Security, Inc., a Lisle Technology Partners Portfolio Company, Acquired by SolarWinds, Inc.

October 25, 2012 — Lisle, IL — Lisle Technology Partners, LLC (LisleTech) is pleased to announce the acquisition of Athena Security Inc., a fully owned portfolio company, by SolarWinds Inc. (NYSE: SWI).

The transaction represents a successful exit for Athena Security and another success for Lisle Technology Partners, whose business model since inception has been to partner with early stage technology-enabled businesses, providing product development and management expertise, until a successful exit is identified and executed.

Athena Security was fully incubated within LisleTech and was staffed and managed within, until it was spun out as a separate company in 2007.

Athena Security's business was to create and market software tools to audit firewalls for security, identify and remove dangerous programming in these devices, and to assist change management. It was a business leader in this segment and offered the most comprehensive tool set amongst its competitors.

For LisleTech, Athena's problem domain required productizing deep knowledge and intellectual property associated with network device behavior, creating focused tools that can be immediately deployed, and marketing these tools through a consumer-oriented business model. LisleTech specializes in transforming core technology into market leading commercial products which add significant barriers to entry and align with business goals. The flagship product suite would go on to win many corporate customers around the world across the range of company size and industry segment.

“SolarWinds is a perfect home for the Athena technology,” stated Dr. Adarsh K. Arora, CEO of Lisle Technology Partners. Dr. Arora went on to add, “SolarWinds is a powerhouse of network and device management tools and technologies. They have a worldwide customer base and a reach into corporate IT infrastructure staff that is second to none.”

“For SolarWinds, Athena products fit nicely into their vision of offering simple and comprehensive capability to customers to manage their networks and devices. The combination of great technology from Athena and the extensive sales reach from SolarWinds will be hard to beat,” said David Hurst, chief technology officer of LisleTech. “As the long term home for the technology we built, they are the best.” he added.

About Lisle Technology Partners

Lisle Technology Partners is based in Lisle, IL and was founded in 1999. The basic proposition of the company is to offer technology and management consultancy to interesting startup companies around the world, often in a partnership model. Its incubation of new technologies is overseen by experienced technologists who have launched and run their own companies and are experienced the full life cycle of entrepreneurship. Their experience is the single biggest differentiator they offer their customers. Learn more at: <http://www.lisletech.com>.

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About SolarWinds

SolarWinds (NYSE: SWI) provides powerful and affordable IT management software to customers worldwide, from Fortune 500 enterprises to small businesses. They focus exclusively on IT Pros and strive to eliminate the complexity that they have been forced to accept from traditional enterprise software vendors. SolarWinds delivers on this commitment with *unexpected simplicity* through products that are easy to find, buy, use and maintain while providing the power to address any IT management problem on any scale. Learn more today at <http://www.solarwinds.com>.

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