

BLUETOOTH MODEM CONNECTS POCKETSURFER AT HOME OR OFFICE WITHOUT CELL-PHONE CHARGES

DataWind Gives PocketSurfer Users the Power to Access the Real Web Anywhere, Anytime Using a Wireless Modem or Mobile Service

LAS VEGAS, NV—(Jan. 6th, 2005)—Access to the internet has become truly ubiquitous and more convenient with the introduction of the DataWind Bluetooth modem, a 56-kilobit Bluetooth modem that works in tandem with the revolutionary wireless web viewer PocketSurfer to give users a desktop-quality web experience in the palm of their hands without connecting to a cellular phone or plugging into a landline modem.

Leading developer of wireless web access devices and services DataWind Corp. unveiled the DataWind Bluetooth modem today at the 2005 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas.

The combination of the DataWind Bluetooth modem and the PocketSurfer is ideal for consumers who don't have access to a personal computer in the home or office and want to avoid cell-phone charges while surfing the web. And PocketSurfer users now have more options to access media-rich web services in a flexible and affordable way. Using Bluetooth technology, PocketSurfer can connect wirelessly to a mobile handset through virtually any wireless network provider at a lower overall cost than existing web-enabled mobile devices or through the DataWind Bluetooth modem that can dial up to access a wide area network within 100 feet.

“Users now have the power to access the web anywhere and anytime, using the technology they desire based on cost and device needs,” said Suneet S. Tuli, chief executive officer of DataWind. “PocketSurfer does all of this while offering a desktop-quality web experience in a device small enough for a breast pocket or purse.”

The light-weight and portable DataWind Bluetooth modem functions as a standard V.90 modem for WAN and access to the internet and features a Bluetooth radio antenna built into the case. Based on the CSR BlueCore 2 single-chip solution along with a single-chip modem and PSTN line interface, the modem features four power-saving modes and is Bluetooth specification 1.1 compliant.

PocketSurfer, at just 6” x 3” and less than 9/16” thick, is small enough to carry anywhere, yet big enough to solve two of the most annoying drawbacks of personal mobile web devices—undersized keyboards and screens. Most handheld devices do not deliver the real World Wide Web. Instead, they deliver a portion of the web's functionality, reformatted for the small screen. The PocketSurfer delivers real HTML with full graphics, java-scripts and other modern web functionality for more than 8 billion pages of content through its VGA-width, 640-pixel LCD screen. The PocketSurfer's QWERTY keyboard also makes sending email as easy as with a PC. In addition, the PocketSurfer downloads web pages 10 to 30 times faster than with typical Wireless Access Protocol (WAP)-enabled cell phones and PDAs.

“With up to five times the screen size of other handheld devices, PocketSurfer offers the real internet as people have come to expect,” said Tuli. “As cell phones and PDAs get smaller and smaller, the potential for realistic physical interaction has nearly disappeared.”

Featured in *Time* magazine and on *ABC News*, the PocketSurfer is priced at \$199 USD (MSRP), significantly below the cost of most mobile web devices. The device’s required \$9.99 per month internet service access fee includes unlimited usage. The DataWind Bluetooth modem is priced at \$99.99. For additional information, visit www.datawind.com.

About DataWind Net Access Corporation

DataWind Net Access Corporation (DataWind) is a leading provider of wireless web access products and services. Based on several international patents, DataWind’s breakthrough technologies solve the bandwidth limitations of cellular networks by accelerating content delivery by factors of 10X to 30X. The DataWind PocketSurfer Web Viewer is the first product to deliver the experience of the desktop internet efficiently to a mobile cellular customer. DataWind is based in Montreal, Canada. For more information visit www.datawind.com.

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