

SRM Press Release – February 2009

SRM achieves Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) status

Security experts can now provide clients with specialist advice on how to comply with strict regulations for handling credit card data

SRM, a leading information assurance service provider, has today announced that it can now offer the Payment Card Industry's Qualified Security Assessment (PCI QSA). As an accredited QSA company, SRM can now provide its clients with formal assessments under the PCI scheme.

The PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) is a mandatory regulation applicable to all organisations that process debit and credit card payments, either directly or as a service provider to another company. Compliance with these standards covers everything from ensuring that organisations are building and maintaining secure networks, to having an information security policy and vetted staff in place to protect cardholder information.

The QSA company accreditation programme is administered by the PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC), whose mission is to enhance the security of credit and debt card data by driving adoption of the PCI Security Standards. The organisation was founded by American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB, MasterCard Worldwide, and Visa International.

“This is great news for us and our clients,” says Paul Brennecker, formerly of Barclaycard and now lead PCI consultant with SRM, “Being a QSA means we can expand our range of services and the extent of our advice. Plus, since we liaise directly with accreditation providers, our clients will benefit from a total-service offering.”

SRM was established by security professionals with a vast amount of experience gained within the private sector, the Police service and other government agencies. The company's QSA accreditation will further cement its role as a leading security consultancy with particular expertise in PCI compliance, and will add to the broad portfolio of information assurance services that they already offer.

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Notes to Editors

Sharon and the SRM team will be at the Infosecurity Exhibition in April 2009 at Earl's Court, London, appearing on Stand H41. To arrange a press meeting with them during the show, or to for more information please contact Stephen Brown on +44 (0)7779 139 147 or email Andrew Ball, andrewb@chazb.com. Stephen Brown, Managing Director, Security Risk Management will be speaking at the Infosecurity Exhibition at 2PM on Wednesday 29th in the Business Strategy Seminars discussing, Why Personnel Vetting Now?

About SRM

Established by security professionals formerly within the private sector, the Police service and other government agencies, Security Risk Management Ltd offers an unrivalled range of best practice Operational Risk Management services to ensure effective assurance and mitigating risk within a company's infrastructure. SRM offers services including: Risk Management, Information Security Management Services, Enterprise Examinations, Business Continuity, Corporate Investigations, Personnel Screening, ISO27001 Implementations and specialised training. For more information please visit www.srm-solutions.com

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