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NEW *BLUETOOTH*® CONTROLLER PROVIDES WIRELESS, WEB-BASED ACCESS CONTROL

Concordville, PA, September 19th, 2017 – Southco has recently expanded its line of Electronic Access Solutions with an access controller that allows *BLUETOOTH*® enabled devices, such as a smartphone or tablet, to be used as a credential for wirelessly actuating an electronic lock. Virtual keys are sent wirelessly to a smart device via a remote web portal from any computer connected to the Internet.

The BT *BLUETOOTH*® Controller provides wireless control and monitoring of intelligent locks without having to physically connect to a network, or install, manage and maintain software. When combined with any of Southco’s intelligent electronic locking solutions, the *BLUETOOTH*® Controller provides a completely concealed physical security solution using *BLUETOOTH*® LE for user access, and a remote web portal for credential management and audit trail monitoring.

The system features multi-level encryption, simple set up and installation, and the ability to read a smartphone from 30 feet away. When combined with the BT *BLUETOOTH*® Controller, intelligent, concealed electronic locks can protect and secure valuable information and assets with a digital record of access, which can be used to demonstrate compliance with regulations such as the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA).

Virtual keys can be assigned and managed with the *VIZpin*® application, which provides a secure, cloud-based platform for remote management of user access to Southco’s BT *BLUETOOTH*® Controller. Time-based virtual keys can be sent wirelessly to a free smartphone application via *VIZpin*’s

cloud-based web portal. When logged into the secure web portal the admin can add or delete electronic keys in real time, granting access to authorized users – and only during a specified time frame.

General Manager Steve Spatig adds, “Southco’s *BLUETOOTH*® Lock Controller provides a breakthrough, disruptive technology for remotely controlling and monitoring physical access wirelessly, without a physical network connection. With our new *BLUETOOTH*® Controller, access can be issued to individuals in real time, from anywhere in the world, with a simple web-based application and any *BLUETOOTH*® enabled smartphone.”

For more information about the functionality of the BT *BLUETOOTH*® Lock Controller please visit www.southco.com, email the 24/7 customer service department at info@southco.com, call 610-459-4000 or fax your inquiry to 610-459-4012.

Southco is a leading global provider of engineered access solutions, including latches, locks, captive fasteners, hinges, handles, and other accessories for applications in the marine, networking, telecommunications, computer, automotive, aerospace, mass transit, off-highway/construction, RV/caravan, industrial machinery and HVAC industries.

Southco is strongly focused on customized engineering solutions and global support for its key customers. The company aspires to be a virtual engineering center for its customers’ engineered-access solutions and is committed to providing outstanding quality and overall satisfaction. Southco’s promise to its customers is to connect, create and innovate to provide the best solution for every access engineering problem.

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