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## **CONTROL KEY CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF PROTECTING IT SYSTEMS AND DATA**

***Aardman Animations and WatchGuard congratulate Blackburn company on continued success***

Blackburn-based Control Key is celebrating its 10 Year Anniversary. Since the company was formed in June 1999, it has been providing computer and network security solutions to customers ranging from small businesses to major enterprises and local authorities across the UK.

David Parkinson, founder and director of Control Key puts the success of the company down to: “delivering the right security solutions on time and on budget, with a strong commitment to high standards of technical support and services offered to customers, both locally and around the country.”

Part of Control Key’s success is the strong relationships it has established with leading security vendors. Underpinning many of Control Key’s turnkey solutions from day one, have been WatchGuard Technologies’ network security and connectivity appliances. These multi-functional products protect computer users with a firewall and a range of security solutions, such as anti-virus, intrusion prevention and secure remote access.

“We have been working closely with Control Key since day one and it is their on-going commitment to customers combined with in-depth knowledge and technical expertise that has seen the company grow and prosper over the last 10 years,” says Vinod Chamdal, UK sales manager for WatchGuard.

Aardman Animations, a world leader in model animation and famous for characters such as Wallace and Gromit, is a long standing Control Key customer that relies on WatchGuard appliances. "In addition to the IT security threats common to any business, a lot of the film animation work we do is very sensitive and we also need to support an increasing number of remote users who need access to email, data and applications from around the world." said Jeremy Donovan, System Technical Support Analyst at Aardman. "The combination of WatchGuard technology and Control Key's commitment and support provides us with the protection and reliability we need. We congratulate Control Key on its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and look forward to working with them in the future."

Based in new premises in Blackburn, Control Key is planning for further growth. "We have seen computer security move steadily up the business agenda over the last 10 years and even in these difficult economic times, the growing need to protect IT systems and sensitive data is still driving sales."

For more information about Control Key, please visit <http://www.controlkey.co.uk>

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