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### NEW WHITEPAPER - SECURITY FOR WIRELESS LANs

#### The Real Issues and Solutions:

**Overview :** Have you deployed or are you thinking about deploying a Wireless LAN (WLAN)? Then you should seriously consider the security risks, including the not so obvious ones, that WLAN technology poses to your organisation. We recommend a 3 level action plan which will help secure your WLAN and eliminate most risks.

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### FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES - HELPING TO SOLVE A LIFE THREATENING PROBLEM

At advance7, corporate giving is taken seriously. We see it as our responsibility to support effective charitable organisations that perform humanitarian services. We have built relationships over the years with several charities and see our involvement as part of an ongoing process whereby the business community reaches out to other communities in need.

We have recently been working with Essex-based charity Watchmen International. Access to water is one of the most basic human requirements, and the opportunity which arose to pay for the provision of clean water was one that we really couldn't refuse.

More than 1 billion people worldwide have no access to clean water. Water-borne disease is responsible for over 12 million deaths a year. A lack of access to clean water means that, for most of the world, water must be boiled before drinking. This is a major undertaking, and for many, the simple cost of purchasing fuel to boil the water – such as wood or charcoal – is prohibitive. Watchmen International has therefore designed a cheap and simple 'low-tech' water filtration kit. These inexpensive kits transform disease-infected water into safe, pure and pleasant-tasting drinking water that requires no boiling. The kits, coupled together with readily available plastic bins, are quickly and easily assembled to provide individual families, schools and other organisations with an instant answer to water-borne sickness which is often fatal.

As Paul Offord, MD of advance7, says:

“Corporate ‘thank you’s’ usually take the form of luxurious gifts, but last year we were sure that our clients would excuse us foregoing the traditional chocolates and wine, and with their blessing we instead purchased over 240 water filtration kits for use in East Africa. We hope that the gift of clean water for an entire community can contribute to a better year”.

Watchmen International knows how much of an impact their filtration kits make. A report from one of



their nursery schools in Kenya indicated that, since installing a Lifewater kit, daily absenteeism of children due to sickness had reduced from more than 25% to 5%.

It's a long way from our high-tech corporate world to a rural village in Africa – yet by western standards, it costs remarkably little to help a whole community, and we will be keeping our eyes and ears open for further ways that our small community can reach out to another.

Watchmen International is a UK-registered Christian charity, founded in 1994, operating predominantly in Africa. The organisation is engaged in Christian discipleship and training, nursery education and a clean water project, both in urban and rural locations. For more information please see [www.watchmeninternational.org](http://www.watchmeninternational.org)

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## FACES AT advance7

**Seetal R Patel:** Seetal has been working in the IT industry for over 10 years and joined advance7 in January 2008.

After 4 years working as a systems administrator for a large construction firm, Seetal decided to expand his IT skill set and got involved in Network Administration. Over the past 6 years he has been involved in working for several high profile organisations such as IBM and the NHS, where he has been successful in implementing numerous network migration projects.

"The collective knowledge that advance7 consultants possess between them makes it an ideal environment to work for as an IT consultant such as myself. Between us we have a lot to learn from each other and the senior consultants are always keen to guide you through tricky situations which are a big bonus.", says Seetal.

Outside advance7, Seetal enjoys aviation photography, attending air shows and playing cricket.

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