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Black Coral Enhancing SoftRisk® at the 18th World Conference on Disaster Management in Toronto

Ottawa, Ontario, June 16, 2008: Black Coral, Inc. is releasing an enhanced version of SoftRisk 6.0 at the 18th World Conference on Disaster Management (booth #813), in Toronto, Ontario, on June 15-18, 2008. SoftRisk 6.0 is a Web-based incident management tool for emergency managers that integrates mission-critical resource and mapping data needed in an emergency into one software application.

SoftRisk was originally designed and fielded in the 1990s, and version 6.0 was introduced in March 2008. This enhanced version builds on this legacy with highly-enhanced features which will empower emergency managers to customize the application to meet specific local needs. **“We’ve listened to our customers describe their needs, like formatted ICS forms to comply with post-incident funding requirements, and this enhanced version delivers that feature and others,”** said Paul White, Chief Operating Officer of Black Coral. The enhancements to an already powerful incident management tool include:

- **Search:** the ability to do Google-like keyword searches with returns in context
- **Logging:** automated logging of all additions, changes, deletions to an incident
- **Reporting:** formatting data in ICS forms for faster, better reporting
- **Security:** role-based authority to read-only and/or write-to by functional responsibility
- **Organization:** employs ICS positions for assignments and hand-offs
- **Mapping:** integration of customized map layers, like ESRI, and rich situational awareness data

Darrell O’Donnell, Chief Technology Officer for Black Coral, added **“Since mapping was already one of the most powerful tools in SoftRisk, many of our customers have said they want to customize their incident maps with GIS integration and this enhanced version offers that capability and more.”**

Offered on a subscription basis, SoftRisk is delivered via the Web in the Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) business model, without the burden and up-front cost of installed enterprise programs. This makes SoftRisk 6.0 feasible and affordable for local governments and agencies. It eliminates the need for self-hosted solutions that require IT infrastructure and support, but also ensuring that data is highly secure and always available. With its intuitive user-friendly interface, SoftRisk requires minimal training and can be rapidly deployed. SoftRisk 6.0 complies with NIMS and ICS Standards.

About Black Coral Inc. Black Coral Inc., (www.BlackCoral.net) an Ottawa, Ontario, company with sales offices in Florida, creates software solutions that offer advancements in the usability of geo-referenced information for the public safety and defense sectors. Through its suite of software products, the company specializes in technologies that allow participants to collaboratively plan, execute, and manage emergency response.