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Cloud Scanner

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PHILADELPHIA — Microsoft and Neat, the maker of digital scanning and filing systems, have announced a partnership with SkyDrive, a leading cloud storage service. Neat will integrate SkyDrive into NeatConnect allowing users to scan documents directly to SkyDrive without the need for a computer. The partnership will significantly enhance Neat's direct-to-cloud capabilities for its latest offering, NeatConnect, and enable SkyDrive to further its leadership position in cloud storage by providing customers a seamless method to transform paper into digital documents that are always with them. NeatConnect debuted as the first wireless scanner to include direct scan-to-cloud functionality featuring an integrated touchscreen interface.

This collaboration represents Neat and SkyDrive's commitment to provide their customers with solutions that make it easy to access and share their paper and digital documents and manage their important information in the cloud. The scan-to-cloud technology offered through NeatConnect provides users with a simple way to connect to SkyDrive, all without being tethered to a computer or requiring an intermediate device or software application.

"Today, we all expect an easy way to upload, store, share and access our personal and professional information, while always having our files with us," said Angus Logan, Group Product Manager for SkyDrive. "Scanning directly from NeatConnect to SkyDrive gives customers the ability to reach our service and enrich their digital filing experience. Additionally, SkyDrive users will be able to leverage Neat's cloud, mobile, and desktop solutions to simplify tasks such as the creation of expense and tax reports." "SkyDrive is a critical partner for us as they share a similar vision in providing

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the needs of small businesses and families Integrated Wi-Fi antenna – allows users to situate NeatConnect in a place that best serves their workflow and lifestyle – a common area in the office or at home in a place where paper and mail tends to pile up Scan to NeatCloud and email – scan directly to NeatCloud and also send documents via email directly from the device Scan to Cloud Storage Services – with easy set-up, scan directly to leading cloud services, such as SkyDrive Additional Scan locations – scan wirelessly to FTP, direct to SD Card, and direct to desktop computers via USB with included software

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