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IRONPORT SYSTEMS™ Powers Worldwide Corporate Email for Cisco Systems and Email News Alerts for CNN

World's Fastest Messaging Gateway in Production at Major Customers

SAN BRUNO, Ca- July 21, 2003- IronPort Systems, the leading email infrastructure products and services company, today announced that its systems have been successfully deployed in two of the most demanding applications – delivering worldwide corporate email for Cisco Systems and delivering email news updates for CNN online. CNN and Cisco join existing IronPort customers such as NASDAQ, CBS Marketwatch, RJ Reynolds, Major League Baseball and Warner Music Group.

The IronPort C60™, in production at Cisco and formally announced today, is a high performance messaging gateway appliance designed to meet the needs of the most sophisticated corporate networks. The C60 delivers more than 500,000 messages per hour, which is more than ten times the capacity of a traditional UNIX mail gateway server. A single 2U IronPort C60 can replace a high-end 8 CPU commercial UNIX server with 16 GB of RAM and a Fibre Channel disk array at less than one half the cost. The IronPort C60 also features the unique Mail Flow Monitor™ system. Mail Flow Monitor provides email administrators complete control over their mail flow, with powerful reporting that tracks connection histories for all mail delivery. IronPort also announced today that, in partnership with Brightmail, it has added high performance anti-spam technology to the C60.

CNN is using the IronPort A60™ to deliver time-sensitive email news alerts to their audiences worldwide. The IronPort A-series appliances are built on the same mail delivery engine as the IronPort C-series appliances, but have features that maximize the throughput and deliverability of commercial email. The IronPort A-series are extremely high performance, capable of delivering more than 1 Million messages per hour. The A-series appliances have IronPort's unique Virtual Gateway technology, which helps improve deliverability of commercial mail. The Virtual Gateway technology allows the IronPort A-series appliances to assign different classes of mail such as newsletters or transaction confirmations to their own unique outbound IP addresses. If delivery problems arise with any one traffic type, they will be limited only to that IP, allowing other traffic types to be delivered without disruption.

The IronPort A-series systems for outbound commercial mail and the C-series for corporate mail are both built on IronPort's high performance operating system AsyncOS™. AsyncOS has the stability of a UNIX kernel but is optimized for the unique demands of messaging. AsyncOS is the technology that enables the breakthrough performance available in both the A-series and C-series appliances. The IronPort appliances all feature an intuitive web-based interface as well as powerful command-line interfaces. IronPort appliances also share powerful logging and reporting capabilities to track and control mail usage.

IronPort's remarkable success with major customers has drawn strong support from IronPort's investors. As evidence of this support, IronPort separately announced today that it has closed an additional \$15M in financing. The additional funds will be used to provide working capital to support IronPort's rapid penetration of the high-growth email gateway market.

"We are very impressed with the IronPort team" said Monty Mullig, Senior V.P., Internet Technologies for CNN online. "The IronPort A60 is an excellent product, made even better by IronPort's very high levels of service and support."

"We count on IronPort products to deliver Cisco Corporate email around the world," said Erik Martin, Sr. Architect for Messaging for Cisco Systems. "The IronPort C60 provides us with the throughput and flexibility we need to manage our corporate email flow."

The IronPort C60 and A60 are available now, the IronPort C60 with spam blocking is available for evaluation in August of 2003. Both can be found at <http://www.ironport.com/>.

ABOUT IRONPORT SYSTEMS™

IronPort Systems (www.ironport.com) was founded in 2000 by pioneers in Internet messaging. With technical staff from companies such as Hotmail, eGroups, ListBot, and Yahoo!, IronPort's mission is to revolutionize Internet messaging. The company has developed a family of Messaging Gateway appliances that bring new functionality to the way people communicate over the Internet. At the heart of these appliances is the company's AsyncOS, an operating system developed by IronPort Systems and optimized for asynchronous communications. AsyncOS is the scalable foundation for IronPort's new messaging solutions and is driving a breakthrough in messaging performance.

IronPort A60, IronPort A30, IronPort C60, Messaging Gateway, AsyncOS, IronPort, Virtual Gateway, SenderBase, and Bonded Sender Program are trademarks of IronPort Systems.

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