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IRONPORT SYSTEMS™ Provides First Line of Defense Against Doom

IronPort C-Series Messaging Gateway Offers Email Security Solution

SAN BRUNO, Ca- January 28, 2003 – IronPort Systems, the leading email infrastructure products and services company, is helping to combat the impact of the My Doom virus outbreak. Viruses can cause major damage to infrastructure, draw heavily on human resources and cost corporations millions of dollars. The outbreak of the My Doom virus highlights, once again, the need for a first line of defense against email threats. The fact that the My Doom virus is running rampant and spreading so quickly is proof that there is not adequate virus protection in place at the perimeter of enterprise email infrastructure.

IronPort technology is uniquely designed to manage email abuse, such as the My Doom virus, because it sits at the edge of the network, providing a first line of defense. IronPort technology identifies and deals with viruses at the perimeter, keeping viruses off the groupware servers and off end-user desktops--ultimately eliminating the negative impact of email abuse. In addition, IronPort has the ability to concurrently manage connections at a rate which is an order of magnitude higher than any current or legacy solution-- an IronPort attribute that keeps corporate email up and running despite the sheer volume and speed of a major virus outbreak. IronPort customers are protected, zero downtime due to My Doom.

"The network is a critical business resource that costs businesses money when it is not available. Email viruses have long been a significant threat to the reliability of this resource so it is essential that enterprises have sufficient virus protection." said Phebe Waterfield, Security Solutions & Service Analyst at Yankee Group. "A solution like the IronPort Messaging Gateway prevents viruses from ever reaching critical internal assets, reduces the frequency and impact of virus outbreaks and improves the overall performance of email and network infrastructure."

The IronPort C-Series appliances provide the ideal perimeter defense against email virus attacks or malicious spam attacks with a unique layered approach to security. The outer layer is IronPort's

Reputation Filters which prevent blatant spam from entering the network by automatically slowing down or throttling senders with a suspicious reputation. The inner layer of spam defense uses Brightmail's anti-spam technology to detect spam and Sophos anti-virus technology to detect viruses. This combination of prevention and detection yields the highest performance and highest accuracy of any system on the market.

For more information on the IronPort C-Series or other IronPort products and services, visit: <http://www.ironport.com>.

ABOUT IRONPORT SYSTEMS™

IronPort Systems is an email infrastructure products and services provider targeting the Global 2000. The company has developed a family of products called Messaging Gateway™ appliances that offer breakthrough performance, unprecedented ease of use, and reduced total cost of ownership. Additionally, IronPort Information Services, Bonded Sender www.bondedsender.com and Senderbase www.senderbase.com, help guarantee the delivery of legitimate email and thwart the voluminous threat of unsolicited commercial email (UCE) or spam. For more information on the IronPort C30 or other IronPort products and services, visit: <http://www.ironport.com>.

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