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IRONPORT SYSTEMS™ to Support Sender ID

Leader in Email Security Supports New Authentication Standard— Significantly Bolstering Efforts to Bring Accountability to Email

SAN BRUNO, Calif. – August 12, 2004 – IronPort Systems, the world's leading email security company, today announced a comprehensive plan to support Sender ID. IronPort's support will make Sender ID available to leading global enterprises through its award-winning email security appliances and unique reputation services, SenderBase and the Bonded Sender Program, helping accelerate adoption of the new standard. IronPort has been working closely with industry leaders such as Microsoft and Yahoo! to help shape new sender authentication standards, such as Sender ID and Yahoo! Domain Keys, in an effort to increase the level of sender accountability in email. Sender ID integration is targeted for October 2004.

In email, the open nature of the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol is one of its strengths but also a key shortcoming. Today, spammers and other unscrupulous senders can forge sender domains and return addresses, leaving unsuspecting users open to fraud. Senders can hide their true identity, making it nearly impossible to track them down and hold them accountable for their actions. Sender ID is an integral part of complete disclosure of identity, providing a solid basis for establishing a sender's reputation and using that for policy decisions about incoming mail streams.

"Our customers rely on us to identify new technologies to make their networks more secure and eliminate the complexity of deploying new standards," said Tom Gillis, SVP Worldwide Marketing at IronPort Systems. "Sender ID significantly improves our ability to protect our customers from fraud, increases sender accountability and provides legitimate senders all over the Internet with tools to reliably identify themselves."

"Sender ID's success is contingent on broad industry participation and we need strong tools in place within the industry to help build this kind of authentication into the technology infrastructure," said Ryan Hamlin, General Manager of Microsoft's Safety Technology and Strategy Team. "IronPort has shown a strong commitment to partnering with the industry to help advance important initiatives to protect email as an essential communications tool and their support of Sender ID to empower easy adoption for their customers will help further the industry's overall effort to fight spam and keep email safe."

IronPort's C-series email security appliances will include Sender ID as one of the elements used by IronPort's Reputation Filters™, which ultimately help establish the reputation of email senders and the validity of their messages. Sender ID integration will increase the accuracy in the determination of sender reputation and provide encouragement for the broader Internet community to adopt good sender best practices.

Similarly, IronPort will incorporate Sender ID into SenderBase, the world's largest email traffic monitoring network, and the Bonded Sender Program, the leading email accreditation service. SenderBase tracks over 40 different parameters about global email traffic patterns for 650,000 domains. By integrating Sender ID information, SenderBase will provide valuable information to combat phishing and other fraud to the 50,000 mail administrators and abuse desk managers that currently use the publicly available site at www.senderbase.org. Similarly, IronPort's Bonded Sender Program will make Sender ID an integral part of its recommended email best practices, thereby encouraging participating senders to start publishing Sender ID records. For senders that qualify, the Bonded Sender Program provides deliverability protection for emails that consumers and businesses increasingly depend on.

Sender ID, the convergence of Microsoft's Caller ID for Email proposal and the Sender Policy Framework (SPF), matches the listed Internet domain of an email to the sending IP address. Organizations publish Sender ID records to announce legitimate sources of their email. As the majority of email security threats today contain an illegally forged sender domain, email security appliances that support Sender ID allow receivers to distinguish legitimate mail from phishing attacks, forged spam, worms and viruses. More information about Sender ID can be found at www.microsoft.com/senderid.

IronPort is presenting these new advances at the Sender ID Summit conducted by Microsoft and the Email Service Provider Coalition at Microsoft's Redmond campus today. The meeting is designed to focus on email authentication issues facing service providers and the industry as a whole.

ABOUT IRONPORT SYSTEMS™

IronPort Systems is the leading email security provider for organizations ranging from small businesses to the Global 2000. The company has developed a family of email security appliances, the IronPort C-Series(TM), that offer breakthrough performance, unprecedented ease of use and reduced total cost of ownership. IronPort is driving new standards and providing innovative products for those faced with the monumental task of managing, protecting, and growing mission-critical email systems. For more information on IronPort products and services, visit: <http://www.ironport.com>.