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Dimension Data Expands Engagement with Cisco IronPort through Global Partner Agreement

Increased collaboration helps clients to address growing web and email-based security threats

Johannesburg, South Africa - July 14, 2010 — Dimension Data today announced that it has been named a Global Gold Cisco IronPort Value Added Reseller. Dimension Data is able to provide organisations around the globe with consistent implementation and support of Cisco IronPort's powerful Email and Web Security solutions, as part of an overall security strategy.

The complexity of spam attacks and the volume of Web-based malware continue to rise, wreaking havoc on vulnerable networks. Cisco IronPort's Email and Web Security appliances address the issues faced by both large and small organisations by combining powerful performance and accuracy using preventive and reactive security measures.

Susan Don, Cisco's director of Security Channels said, "Dimension Data's global footprint, logistics capabilities and technology and services skills add tremendous value to Cisco IronPort's technology in addressing web and email based threats."

"We are pleased to include Cisco IronPort's offerings in our portfolio of innovative technologies and services," said Neil Campbell, general manager, Global Security Solutions, Dimension Data. "Our vision to deliver full-service, multi-vendor security capabilities to our clients – from assessment, through planning, architecture, solutions and managed services across leading technologies - makes the inclusion of Cisco IronPort's technology a natural evolution for us as Cisco's largest Systems Integrator."

Web-based threats have become the primary way of stealing confidential data and infecting computers. Two thirds of all known malware was created in 2008, and in the first six months of 2009, new malware exceeded all malware detected in 2008. In addition phishing increased 585% over the first six months of 2009.

According to Campbell, there are no signs of this slowing down in 2010. "Business has moved to the web as companies increasingly adopt external, web-based applications and employees bring

consumer applications and devices into the enterprise. Malware is following the money, and on the Internet it has found a fertile environment, where successful attacks are those that exist only for a few hours and disappear - often before traditional security defenses can catch them.”

Cisco IronPort is a leading provider of anti-spam, anti-virus and anti-spyware appliances for organizations ranging from small businesses to the Global 2000. Cisco IronPort appliances utilize SenderBase®, the world's largest email and web threat-detection network and database. Cisco IronPort products are innovative and easy-to-use, providing breakthrough performance and playing a mission-critical role in a company's network infrastructure. To learn more about Cisco IronPort products and services, please visit: <http://www.cisco.com/go/security>

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Dimension Data plc (LSE:DDT), a specialist IT services and solution provider, helps clients plan, build, support and manage their IT infrastructures. Dimension Data applies its expertise in networking, converged communications, security, data centre and storage, Microsoft and contact centre technologies, and its unique skills in consulting, integration and managed services to create customised client solutions. www.dimensiondata.com

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