Proofpoint Ensures Huntsman Corporation Stays Spam and Virus Free

Proofpoint Messaging Security Gateway™ appliance deployed to protect more than 12,000 employee inboxes

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – March 9, 2009 – Proofpoint, Inc., the leading provider of unified email security, archiving and data loss prevention solutions, today announced that Huntsman Corporation (NYSE:HUN) has deployed the Proofpoint Messaging Security Gateway™ appliance to protect more than 12,000 employee inboxes from malicious spam, virus and phishing attacks.

A global manufacturer and marketer of differentiated chemicals, Huntsman required a messaging security solution that could address sudden surges in spam and also scale to the needs of a growing organization. The company sought a more effective and easier-to-administer solution that required less day-to-day support and would accurately catch a higher percentage of spam than its legacy email security solution. Following a lengthy evaluation process of the leading enterprise anti-spam solutions, Huntsman chose Proofpoint based on the scope of its offerings, cost effectiveness and product support.

"We were looking for a cost-effective solution that could perform beyond the level of our old system and a team that would work closely with us not only during the initial deployment, but over time as our needs change," said Jeremy Haines, global manager of messaging & collaboration at Huntsman. "During the vetting process, what stood out most to us was how easy it was to work with Proofpoint. They took the time to understand our needs and thoroughly answer all of our questions."

Huntsman quickly found itself under a tight deadline to replace its email security system without any interruption in service. To complicate the implementation process, the company expected power outages due to Hurricane Ike approaching the Houston area, where Huntsman is headquartered.

"When we received the call that Huntsman needed to move up their deployment timeline, we weren't concerned. We worked with them closely to temporarily migrate their email security infrastructure into the cloud, using our Proofpoint on Demand hosted service," said Paul LaPorte, global solutions manager at Proofpoint. "Although this was an extreme case for Huntsman to run entirely from the cloud, we were up to the challenge and provided a seamless migration within their accelerated timeframe."

By first running its email security infrastructure as a hosted service using Proofpoint on Demand™, Proofpoint enabled Huntsman to remain protected while switching servers. Once their Proofpoint Messaging Security Gateway appliance deployment was fully operational, Huntsman easily moved off the cloud to on-premise inbound threat protection. Since full deployment, Huntsman's IT and messaging administrators have experienced a significant decrease in support calls and help tickets related to email.

"We are now able to spend less time adjusting the messaging system and no longer concerned with surges in spam or newly crafted phishing attacks. We can focus on our future email security needs as threats continue to evolve," said Haines. "We have already seen the value of the system through the ease of use and overall reliability of the servers."

Huntsman deployed the Proofpoint appliance with a comprehensive set of defenses for defending employee inboxes against email-borne threats including the Proofpoint MLX™ machine learning-powered Proofpoint Spam Detection™ module, signature-based anti-virus provided by the Proofpoint Virus Protection™ module and complete protection against zero-day and emerging viral threats with the Proofpoint Zero-Hour Anti-Virus™ module.

As Huntsman's email security needs and challenges continue to evolve, the company plans to consider additional Proofpoint offerings.

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To learn more about Proofpoint's innovative solutions for email security, register to attend our upcoming web seminar, "Cloud Cover" for Maximum Email Security, to be held Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time / 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Proofpoint's newest solution, Proofpoint Shield, will be featured. To register, please visit:
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