Proofpoint Signs Distribution Agreement with COMPUTERLINKS to Deliver Email Security and Compliance Solutions to Resellers Worldwide

Partnership Bolsters Proofpoint’s European Market Reach

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – July 27, 2009 – Proofpoint, Inc., the leading provider of SaaS email security, email archiving and data loss prevention solutions, today announced that it has signed a global distribution agreement with COMPUTERLINKS, a leading value-added distributor of IT security, IT infrastructure, and Internet technology solutions. COMPUTERLINKS will sell Proofpoint's entire line of email security and compliance solutions to its reseller partners in Europe and other regions worldwide including the United States.

"Our partnership with COMPUTERLINKS provides Proofpoint the necessary scale to meet demand and grow market share in key markets around the globe," said Dean Hickman-Smith, executive vice president of worldwide sales for Proofpoint. "COMPUTERLINKS is helping us to reach more security-focused resellers and deliver a higher level of service worldwide, and has already established distribution for Proofpoint in Austria, Germany and Italy." "Proofpoint's presence in Europe has grown significantly over the last year and continued expansion into Germany and Central Europe is a natural extension of our strategy," said David Stanley, managing director for Proofpoint EMEA. "Our European business has reached a point where it makes sense to partner with the leading distributor in the region. We believe that COMPUTERLINKS will play a key role in making Proofpoint the preferred email security vendor across Europe."

COMPUTERLINKS will make Proofpoint's entire line of solutions, including the Proofpoint on Demand™ suite of SaaS offerings, comprised of:

- Proofpoint ENTERPRISE™: True, enterprise-class SaaS email security and data loss prevention. Completely isolated instances assure each customer of maximum control, configurability and data security.
- Proofpoint PROTECT™: Cost-effective SaaS email security that delivers best-in-class anti-spam and anti-virus protection with zero-administration and 'lights out' operation.
- Proofpoint SHIELD™: Cloud-based connection management and front-line spam protection for any email security appliance eliminates the risks associated with unpredictable email traffic spikes, rising spam volumes and targeted attacks.
- Proofpoint ARCHIVE™: SaaS email archiving for email storage management, legal discovery and regulatory compliance. Patented DoubleBlind Encryption™ ensures data security in transit and in the cloud.

"Proofpoint's solutions deliver a unique combination of extremely high effectiveness, outstanding ease-of-use and low total-cost-of-ownership that our reseller partners and customers are looking for when selecting email security, email archiving and data loss prevention solutions today," said Richard Hellmeier, CTO for COMPUTERLINKS. "We're pleased to be partnered with Proofpoint and look forward to helping expand the company's global reach."

Proofpoint technology partner Blue Coat Systems is a leading provider of Secure Web Gateway solutions and has a global distribution partnership with COMPUTERLINKS. The combination of the Proofpoint and Blue Coat solutions allows enterprises to defend against "blended threats" that combine email- and web-based malware attacks. To extend these benefits to enterprises around the world, COMPUTERLINKS will make a bundled solution available to global resellers.

"Proofpoint's partnership with COMPUTERLINKS complements our companies' existing technology, marketing and sales cooperation," said Jim Harold, vice president of worldwide channel sales for Blue Coat Systems. "Having a common distribution partner will extend to enterprises worldwide the comprehensive protection from new and emerging blended threats that the combined Blue Coat and Proofpoint solutions provide."

For information about COMPUTERLINKS North American distribution, please visit http://www.computerlinks.com. For information about COMPUTERLINKS global distribution, please visit http://www.computerlinks.net.

About COMPUTERLINKS AG
With branches in 11 European countries, Dubai, Australia, Singapore, Canada and the USA COMPUTERLINKS is the leading value added distributor in Europe for international manufacturers in information technology (IT), who are all market
leaders in their fields. The COMPUTERLINKS product portfolio is geared to the growing needs of customers for security in the field of ever more complex, global IT structures. Under the criterion "quality versus quantity" COMPUTERLINKS evaluates hardware and software products internationally, which excel by their innovation and quality and which have the best chances of surviving in the strongly contested IT market characterised by high demands with regard to security. These select high-end products are marketed and distributed by COMPUTERLINKS throughout Europe solely to resellers and system integrators. COMPUTERLINKS attaches great importance to an attractive product portfolio, experienced advisers and in particular to good business relations with customers. Further information on COMPUTERLINKS is available at http://www.computerlinks.net.

About Proofpoint, Inc.
Proofpoint secures and improves enterprise email infrastructure with solutions for email security, archiving, encryption and data loss prevention. Proofpoint solutions defend against spam and viruses, prevent leaks of confidential and private information, encrypt sensitive emails and archive messages for retention, e-discovery and easier mailbox management. Proofpoint solutions can be deployed on-demand (SaaS) on-premises (appliance), or in a hybrid architecture for maximum flexibility and scalability. For more information, please visit http://www.proofpoint.com.

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