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Message Systems Partners with Sunbelt Software on Email Security Solution for SMB Market

Technology partnership provides first affordable, carrier-grade email security appliance to stop spam and malware at the perimeter for small and medium-sized businesses

SAN FRANCISCO – February 18, 2008 – Email software solutions provider [Message Systems](#) announced today at the [Messaging Anti-Abuse Working Group](#)'s (MAAWG) [12th General Meeting](#) that it has entered into a technology partnership with [Sunbelt Software](#) to produce affordable email security appliances for small to medium-sized businesses (SMB). The partnership provides a solution for SMB's that need a failsafe way to manage inbound and outbound email while stopping malicious email at the network perimeter.

The joint collaboration will combine Message Systems' [Edge of Network](#) (EoN) carrier-class email management technology with Sunbelt's expertise in developing Windows server-based email security software to deliver [Ninja Blade](#) email security appliances. Ninja Blade provides powerful inbound and outbound protection from spam, viruses and malicious attachments. Additional technologies such as built-in disclaimers and comprehensive rules-based email management make the platform extremely robust, comprehensive and easy-to-manage.

"The SMB market is underserved by email security offerings," said Barry Abel, Message Systems' vice president of Field Operations. "Our intent with this new appliance is to bring the security and management capabilities of our carrier-class EoN technology, used by some of the largest global enterprises, to within the reach of SMB customers."

Currently, small and medium-sized businesses run security software on a Microsoft Exchange server or use point solutions at the desktop. In both cases, malware enters the company network before being identified and quarantined. Sunbelt's Ninja Blade appliances provide security protection at the perimeter, preventing malware from entering the company network. The appliance can provide high-level security safeguards in companies that do not use a Microsoft Exchange server, or it can augment Microsoft Exchange to add an additional layer of protection for inbound and outbound email at both the gateway and the server.

"Message Systems is recognized as a global leader in carrier-class messaging technology, delivering both high security and performance," said Chad Loeven, vice president of Business Development for Sunbelt Software. "When we realized the demand within the SMB market for a reliable and affordable solution that could provide protection at the perimeter and run on non-Microsoft Exchange networks, we immediately thought of Message Systems. Our goal is to deliver a solution with the perimeter security protection common to enterprise-class solutions that

can run in both Microsoft Exchange and non-Exchange environments at price-point that any small to medium-size business can afford.”

Ninja Blade is currently available from Sunbelt Software in four models, the Ninja Blade 500, 1000, 2500 and 5000. U.S. prices start at \$1,995, with a number of support and maintenance plans available. For more information, please visit www.ninjablade.com.

About Sunbelt Software

Headquartered in Tampa Bay (Clearwater), Fla., Sunbelt Software was founded in 1994 and is a leading provider of Windows security and management software with product solutions in the areas of [antispam](#) and [antivirus](#), [antispymware](#), and vulnerability assessment. Leading products include the [CounterSpy](#) product line, [Ninja Email Security](#), Sunbelt Exchange Archiver, and endpoint firewall technologies. The company is part of Sunbelt International Group, based in Paris, France.

For more information about Sunbelt Software, please visit the company’s website at www.sunbeltsoftware.com.

About Message Systems

Founded in 1997, Message Systems is a worldwide provider of email software solutions and services for email service providers (ESPs), Internet service providers (ISPs) and large enterprises that need to manage the delivery of large amounts of business-critical email. Through a combination of technology, partnerships and intellectual capital, Message Systems offers a family of software solutions and services that address the email infrastructure and deliverability needs for organizations ranging from regional businesses to the Global 2000. With the most powerful Message Transfer Agent (MTA) on the market supporting more than 100,000 concurrent connections per server, Message Systems gets millions of unique messages to the right place at the right time. Headquartered in Columbia, Maryland, Message Systems has a network of channel partners in North America, Europe and Asia. For more information, go to <http://www.messagesystems.com>.

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