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ESET Provides Complete Malware Protection for 64-bit Systems

NOD32 offers real-time protection against viruses, Trojans, spyware, and adware for x64 editions of Windows® XP and Windows Server 2003

SAN DIEGO, CA – July 26, 2005 – ESET, a global security software company providing next-generation malware protection, today announced that their award-winning flagship product, NOD32, offers malware protection for x64 versions of Windows XP and Windows Server 2003. This release closes a critical security gap left by leading antivirus vendors whose products lack comprehensive support for this advanced platform.

Windows x64 systems are designed to handle high-performance applications that require large amounts of memory. Unlike most 32-bit applications, security applications requiring kernel level access must be specifically rewritten to run on x64 systems. Most antivirus solutions on the market are still incompatible or offer protection only at the server level—leaving consumers and enterprises vulnerable to attacks.

"With AMD, Intel and Microsoft driving heavily to move the market away from 32-bit to 64-bit computing the move is upon us whether we like it or not", said Rob Enderle, principal analyst for the Enderle Group. "As enterprises migrate to this new architecture, keeping their systems protected from viruses, spyware and other threats will remain a priority. As a result ESET is ahead of the game with an x64-compatible solution that functions both at the desktop and server level."

NOD32 for 64-bit systems utilizes ThreatSense™ technology, a sophisticated detection system based on advanced heuristics, to proactively identify previously-unknown malware in real-time. ThreatSense is built into NOD32's single, unified scanning engine to provide comprehensive protection so users do not need to rely on additional point solutions for spyware and adware protection. Additionally, slowed network and CPU performance is not an issue for end-users and IT administrators as NOD32 consumes less than 20 MB of memory.

"Most of the major antivirus vendors do not have comprehensive anti-malware solutions for 64-bit systems, and malware writers are constantly looking for holes in security defenses. This can deter users from taking advantage of 64-bit technology because they are exposed to threats like viruses, worms and spyware," said Andrew Lee, CTO of ESET. "As 64-bit

computing continues to gain momentum we want to make sure that our customers stay protected as they migrate to this new architecture.”

About NOD32

NOD32 is a unified anti-virus and anti-spyware solution with a single optimized engine that protects against email and Internet-borne threats through its ThreatSense technology. The proactive system does not rely on known threats and acts like a “virtual malware researcher”, using multiple methods including emulation, advanced heuristics, and generic signatures to deliver comprehensive protection against evolving threats. NOD32 is easy to install and use and offers multi-point protection (Internet, email, ftp, disk, USB, etc.) and is multiplatform (Windows, Linux, Novell, DOS). NOD32 is flexible and configurable with centralized management and reporting functionality. With its highly optimized disk scanning, low memory usage and small footprint, NOD32 ensures network performance is never sacrificed. With a record 32 Virus Bulletin 100 percent Awards, and a 92 percent success rate in catching new email borne threats using advanced heuristics, NOD32 has the best detection record of any anti-virus product on the market.

Availability and Pricing

NOD32 v2.5 will be available on July 26, 2005. Pricing for 50-user small business is \$1,495 for one year, which includes licenses for a file and mail server and 50 desktops. Pricing for individual home and home office users begins at \$39. For large or enterprise quotes call 866-343-ESET or e-mail at sales@ESET.com.

About ESET

Founded in 1992, ESET is a global provider of security software solutions for enterprises and consumers. ESET’s award-winning anti-virus software system, NOD32, provides real-time protection from known and unknown viruses, spyware and malware. NOD32 offers the smallest, fastest and most advanced protection available, with more Virus Bulletin 100% Awards than any other anti-virus product. ESET has been named to Deloitte’s Technology Fast 500 three years running, and has an extensive partner network, including corporations like Canon, Dell and Microsoft. ESET has offices in San Diego, USA, Bratislava, SK, London, UK, Prague, CZ and is represented worldwide in more than 80 countries. For more information, visit www.ESET.com or call 866-343-ESET.

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