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AV-TEST.ORG STUDY CONFIRMS NOD32 PROACTIVELY IDENTIFIED ALL ZOTOB VARIANTS; ESET BEATS INDUSTRY'S LARGEST ANTIVIRUS COMPANIES

Proactive ThreatSense™ technology from ESET keeps users protected ahead of the curve; signature-based solutions from leading companies unable to catch worms in advance

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – (August 29, 2005) – ESET, a global security software solutions company providing next-generation anti-threat protection, today announced results from a study conducted by AV-Test.org that confirm ESET's NOD32 proactively identified all six variants of the recent Zotob worm. The findings, which appeared on August 22, 2005, clearly showcase the importance of implementing a proactive anti-threat solution as the industry's major antivirus players including Symantec, Trend Micro and McAfee did not detect all variants of the worm until after it had hit systems around the globe.

An independent institution directed by the well-known computer security expert Andreas Marx, AV-Test.org is an anti-virus research project at the Institute of Technical and Business Information Systems at the Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg (Germany). AV-Test.org measured the detection times for six of the Zotob variants—Zotob.A through Zotob.F—released last week utilizing the MS05-039 Plug and Play vulnerability. More details can be found at http://www.av-test.org/down/ms05-039.zip. The results show that ESET detected all six of the variants in real-time, closing the gap between zero-day attacks and detection times of other leading software vendors including Symantec, McAfee, Trend Micro and Kaspersky.

"Near-zero day attacks such as the recent Zotob outbreak, coupled with the results of this study from AV-Test.org verify the importance of proactive malware protection," said Andrew Lee, chief technology officer of ESET. "As seen from the test, by the time vendors release patches or signatures after-the-fact, thousands of systems were compromised. ESET's ThreatSense technology detected the worm early and customers were protected from Zotob before their systems were infected."

NOD32 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, network and CPU performance is not affected for end-users and IT administrators as NOD32 uses less than 20 MB of memory.

About ESET

Founded in 1992, ESET is a global provider of security software solutions for enterprises and consumers. ESET's award-winning, anti-threat software system, NOD32, provides real-time protection from known and unknown viruses, spyware and other malware. NOD32 offers the smallest, fastest and most advanced protection available, with more Virus Bulletin 100% Awards than any other antivirus product (www.virusbulletin.com). ESET was 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 619-319-3000.