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Video Communications News: Now Available Hacker-proof Video Conferencing Solutions for IP and ISDN Networks

Aethra, the first video conferencing manufacturer to pass strict US Dept. of Defense testing, to certify its video communication solutions as completely secure and impervious to unauthorised access

Ancona, Italy, -- 25 June 2008 -- Aethra, a leader in the global video communication market, today announced that it is the first video conferencing player in the world to offer a new security modality based on the most recent industry standards. The new Aethra Security Mode renders its IP and ISDN videoconferencing solutions completely secure and impervious to unauthorised access as certified by strict US Dept. of Defense testing through the DSN Certification Program, a testing process specifically conceived for video communication products that attests the total and maximum level of the security provided.

Thanks to this certification, the Aethra solutions listed are authorized for purchase by all bodies and federal agencies linked to the US Department of Defense.
(http://jitic.fhu.disa.mil/apl/dsn/apl_aethra.html).

After 7-weeks of testing at Fort Huachuca (Arizona, US), including Information Assurance testing, Interoperability testing, and the newly introduced Video-Teleconference STIG V1.R1 testing, Aethra video conferencing solutions Vega X7, X5, X3 and AVC8500 have been added to the DSN Approved Products Listing (APL). The STIG tests in particular, are specific for Video communication products and the scope of the testing is to add security and confidentiality to IP based communications.

The Aethra Security mode provides essential benefits for all those companies, organizations, federal agencies, armed services and banking institutions that need the best security for their video conferences and distance collaboration. In today's society security and privacy features are highly-requested particularly in military, financial and corporate environments.

Available across the Aethra product line, the new security mode feature on Aethra video conferencing systems activates enhanced protection and safety control to their usage. Activated with a specific enabling license, in security mode systems can only be used by authorized users. The access mode of users can also be defined and roles and authorizations fine tuned according to the security rules of the Intranet.

In security mode, access to the system can be granted to local users (Local Access Mode), who will use the infrared remote control to manage the system and make/receive calls, or to remote users who will manage the system via a standard Web Browser using a secure HTTP connection,

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i.e. HTTPS (Web Access Mode). Different account roles and authorizations are defined for Local or Web users.

To gain access to the system, users must identify themselves by inserting username and password into a login page. This allows the owner to have the best control of accesses. An Administrator will have to define an account for each authorized user and specify the access mode, the authorizations and an initial password.

In the Aethra Security mode, each call or access is registered in the system and the function is completely hacker-proof.

About Aethra®

Aethra (www.aethra.com), a leader in the global telecommunications market, develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of high-performance products including video communication solutions, audio conference systems, networking test equipment and products for ISDN and xDSL networks, as well as multiconference audio-video-data service management. These exceptional products have distinguished Aethra as a leader in the telecommunications industry worldwide, reflecting its expertise in bringing cutting-edge communications technologies to the market: for FY 2006, Aethra's turnover reached \$114 million. Aethra is currently present in 65 countries with its own network of partners and sister companies and has offices in Milan, Rome, Miami Sao Paulo, Mexico City, London, Madrid, Paris, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Beijing and New Delhi.

Founded in 1972, Aethra received the international award "Videoconferencing Company of the Year 2006" in January 2007 its 35th year in the telecommunications industry.

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