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Steganos and AVG Technologies announce strategic and product partnership

- AVG Anti-Virus and Internet Security, trusted by more than 70 million users worldwide, becomes integral component in Steganos AntiVirus 2008 and Steganos Internet Security 2008-

Cambridge, Massachusetts – 26th March 2008 - Steganos, a leader in providing security and privacy software for consumers and SMEs, has announced a new partnership with AVG Technologies which will see AVG's leading Internet security technology embedded within Steganos's software products. This partnership formalizes a relationship that began with the incorporation of AVG technology in Steganos AntiVirus 2008 and Steganos Internet Security 2008.

Users of Steganos AntiVirus 2008 and Steganos Internet Security 2008 already benefit from AVG's leading antivirus protection, which recently received Virus Bulletin VB100% certification, after detecting all "in the wild" viruses, while generating no false positives; the results cover both on-demand and on-access scanning.

Steganos Internet Security 2008 offers protection from spam, spyware and viruses and uses a firewall to defend against hackers and trojans. This software product is available on the Steganos website for \$39.95 for a single user or for \$99.95 for a three-user license. An upgrade from previous Steganos Internet Security models to this version costs \$29.95.

Steganos AntiVirus 2008 can also be purchased on the Steganos site for users who want to monitor files and scan emails to protect their computers from all types of viruses. This product is priced at \$29.95 for a single user or for \$69.95 for a three-user license. There is an upgrade option available that costs \$23.95.

Both Steganos AntiVirus 2008 and Steganos Internet Security 2008 include a year of automatic updates to ensure that the software is always up to date. If a new version of the software is released within that year, users can update to the next version of the software for free.

JR Smith, CEO of AVG Technologies, said: "This partnership with Steganos creates a great opportunity for both companies. We share many of the same corporate goals in aiming to provide consumers and SMEs with the best possible data protection, so this relationship is a natural fit. We look forward to working with Steganos in the future as we both continue our dedication to protecting users from security threats."

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Aston Fallen, CEO for Steganos, said: “AVG is one of the most sophisticated antivirus solutions on the market and we have chosen to partner with the company following an extensive review of security software developers. AVG’s antivirus engine will complement the code that Steganos develops in-house to provide complete protection for home and business computer users.”

About Steganos Internet Security 2008

Steganos Internet Security 2008 offers comprehensive, fast and value-for-money protection against spam, spyware, hackers and computer viruses. The integrated AntiSpyware application recognizes spyware and adware. Potentially unwanted programs, adware, trojans, worms and keyloggers are all detected using the latest analysis techniques. The integrated firewall controls the network connections and blocks attacks from hackers or trojans. Steganos Internet Security 2008 also includes Steganos AntiVirus 2008.

About Steganos AntiVirus 2008

Steganos AntiVirus 2008 is available separately as well as forming part of the Steganos Internet Security 2008 suite. It protects the computer from script, macro, file and boot sector viruses in real time. It offers several layers of protection:

- The resident protection deactivates viruses by supervising the copying, opening and storage of files. As soon as a virus is discovered, Steganos AntiVirus 2008 stops the current process and stops the virus from activating.
- The automatic virus removal eliminates or disinfects virus-infected files and other threats such as trojans or worms.
- The email scanner examines incoming and outgoing emails and is compatible with all SMTP/POP3 based email clients, including Microsoft Outlook, Outlook Express and Eudora. The email scanner is compatible with encrypted connections that use SSL.
- The automatic spam and phishing filter keeps the inbox clean by ensuring that such emails are marked as spam.
- Individual and scheduled virus tests enable additional user-defined scanning alongside the automatic checks.

Steganos’s technology uses a combination of virus scan, heuristic matching and generic detection to ensure that no virus goes undiscovered. Suspicious files are quarantined to prevent an infection and the virus data bank is regularly updated to ensure that the software can always detect the latest threats.

There are two user modes: the basic mode offers maximum protection for minimal work and the professional mode provides maximum flexibility for more advanced users who would like to configure as much as they can themselves. The intelligent scan function in

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Steganos AntiVirus 2008 can be used to determine which data should be permitted or blocked, so that users can compile their own black list and white list.

System requirements

- Windows XP Home Edition (from Service Pack 2), Windows XP Professional (from Service Pack 2), Windows XP 64 bit, Windows Vista 32/64 bit
- Screen resolution of at least 800x600, at least high color (16 bit)
- At least Pentium or comparable CPU
- Mouse or other pointing device
- 70MB free hard disk space for installation
- At least 256MB RAM
- Internet access
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher

Review software

If you would like to request review copies of Steganos software, please call the Steganos team at Prompt Communications on 020 8996 1650 (UK) or 617 576 5763 (USA) or email steganos@prompt-communications.com

About AVG Technologies

Founded in 1991 and headquartered in the Czech Republic, AVG is a leading international developer of Internet threat protection solutions for consumers, SMBs and small enterprises. AVG protects more than 70 million computer users around the world. The company has regional offices in North America and the United Kingdom, and employs some of the world's leading experts in Internet security, specifically in the areas of threat research, analysis and detection. AVG's award-winning products are distributed globally through resellers and over the Internet as well as via third parties through Software Developer's Kits (SDK).

About Steganos

Since 1996, Steganos has been providing highly secure and user friendly solutions that secure static data and online communications. More than two million users worldwide already depend on Steganos software. Innovations such as the world's first commercial steganography software (which hides data in pictures and music), or the first encryption software to use the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), have made Steganos to one of the market leader for consumer encryption software. Steganos products are regularly recognized with national and international press awards and the Steganos brand is synonymous with protecting sensitive data.

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