

## **CATBIRD™ MAKES PROTECTION FROM HACKERS AFFORDABLE FOR MID-MARKET END-USER ORGANIZATIONS**

**New “Powered by Catbird™” partner program makes cutting-edge,  
field-proven Catbird Shield™ available for first time to leading service  
providers to build their own branded security solutions**

DEERFIELD, IL (July 3, 2006) – Catbird Security™, developer of the industry’s most advanced and comprehensive hacker protection technology, today announced the premier release of its Catbird Shield as a turnkey product for mid-market end-user organizations.

Catbird also announced the launch of the “Powered by Catbird” program, through which it will provide the Catbird Shield to leading service providers.

Using the Catbird Shield, service providers will be able to easily and immediately build their own branded solutions, offering their end-user customers the benefits of comprehensive and sophisticated hacker protection heretofore out of reach to anyone without large IT security budgets.

The patent-pending, non-invasive Catbird Shield consists of thousands of remote automated sensor-agents located both strategically around the Internet and inside the customer’s own network, delivering the benefits of an “in-the-cloud” architecture model to Catbird’s partners: low capital investment, recurring revenue, improved customer intimacy, and a technological leading edge.

Directed by the Catbird Shield command and control center, the system continuously monitors the external and internal network 24x7, 365 days a year. The remote sensor-agents provide minute-to-minute intelligence on -- and proactive mitigation of -- anomalous conditions and events such as vulnerability detection, performance degradation, rogue users, and reduced availability or defacement of web sites. Catbird’s technology provides monitoring, analyzing, and reporting functions automatically and without human intervention, while The Catbird Shield

command and control center keeps the system up to the minute regarding the latest known vulnerabilities and global security events.

Catbird's sophisticated system delivers intelligent alerting capabilities to insure that all designated personnel, vendors, consultants and users are instantly notified of any vulnerability or attack. Multiple reporting options provide customized information for senior executives, directors and audit committees as well as IT managers.

Catbird's partners can select and configure security bundles to complement their existing product or service and offer them to their customers seamlessly through Catbird's state-of-the-art portal, The Catbird Seat™, which can be customized with the partner's own branding. These offerings are then priced and invoiced by Catbird's partners directly to their customers.

Because the Catbird system is designed and administered by network security and performance experts, all of Catbird's partners and their clients benefit from their unparalleled expertise. Moreover, because the suite is managed and operated by Catbird as an independent third party, Catbird partners can assure their clients that they are getting the arm's-length "check and balance" on the security, reliability and performance of the entire system required for regulatory compliance and auditability.

"Catbird has always been synonymous with best-in-class technology," said Catbird CEO Ron Lachman, an early networking pioneer well-known for his key contributions to TCP/IP and DNS technologies. "For the past several years we have been providing our solution as a service directly to hundreds of leading financial institutions in the U.S. market, helping them improve security and comply with the latest in federal regulations. Now we are moving the company to a new phase where we are offering the most sophisticated Catbird technology yet in an exciting new product for service providers in all industries who need to immediately build solutions that address and solve the critical challenge of continuous real-time hacker protection for their own mid-market customers' unique requirements. Catbird represents automated systems doing what they do best, backed by experts doing what no one else in the industry does at all."

In one of its first industry partnerships, Catbird also today announced a strategic relationship with Goldleaf Technologies, the leading provider of automated clearing house (ACH) solutions

and web design to the community banking industry, whereby Goldleaf will now offer the benefits of Catbird's cutting-edge technology to its over 2,500 clients.

“As one of the largest service providers to financial institutions, Goldleaf is keenly aware of how critical security monitoring is both to protecting the corporate assets of our customers and ensuring their compliance with the multitude of industry regulations”, noted Bruce Krajewski, Goldleaf's Chief Sales Officer. “Catbird has allowed us to broaden and deepen our product and services mix via powering our popular Goldleaf Security Services (GSS) – a one-stop shop for hacker protection that outpaces and outsmarts the continually changing threat landscape.”

In another strategic partnership under the “Powered by Catbird” program, Catbird previously announced a relationship with Perimeter Internetworking, Inc, of Milford, CT, a leading provider of managed network and security services for community financial institutions as well as other businesses with high data availability and security requirements, whereby Perimeter's offerings to its customers in the financial-services industry will be built upon Catbird's advanced hacker protection technology.

“We're proud to be among the first of what is certain to become a wave of security-service providers who recognize the strategic advantage of building their own specialized network-monitoring solutions that are powered by Catbird,” said Brad Miller, CEO of Perimeter Internetworking. “We believe that Catbird is the engine that will drive a new standard for security technology worldwide and we are excited to be able to offer Perimeter clients access to Catbird's unique technology.”

In keeping with its commitment to add value to the latest in technology standards, Catbird plans to expand The Catbird Shield, continuing to incorporate key technologies from the major open-source initiatives in the security space to its network of automatic sensors, leveraging the experience and insights of the worldwide security community, and delivering innovation from its own labs. Catbird adds significant value to these technologies by integrating them with Catbird's proprietary intelligent management system, maintaining detailed state information on all networks being monitored. Coupled with a user-friendly interactive portal, flexible report generation system, historical archiving of all collected data and advanced dynamic alerting system, comprehensive and sophisticated protection is now available to mid-tier end-users for continuous in-depth hacker protection at an affordable price-point.

“Essentially,” Lachman said, “we intend to be the security industry’s go-to guys for hacker protection that will be at the heart of standard-setting security solutions everywhere. We believe that our technology partners can most efficiently deliver the high value, low cost, and modularity of the fully automated Catbird Shield to their customers as a strong complement to the trusted products and services they are already offering them. Catbird is a win-win approach for us, our partners, and ultimately, network users everywhere.”

### **About Catbird**

Catbird Security, a division of Catbird Networks, Inc., is the developer and provider of the industry’s most advanced and comprehensive hacker protection technology for mid-market service providers. Hundreds of customers today rely on Catbird to protect their networks from external and internal threats.

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