



## **earthwave –First Australian Company to Offer Full Firewall Lifecycle Management**

*Australian MSSP to offer unique client security portal solution*

**Sydney, AUST., 19 May 2008** earthwave, leading Australian managed security service provider today announced the release of its next generation MSS Client Portal - earthport. The new earthport enhancements offer the only comprehensive solution that will automatically detect security holes in any organisations' firewall policies.

The uniqueness regarding the new portal offering ultimately helps organisations to proactively cover six vital security areas:

- **Change Management:** earthport monitors firewall policy changes, reports them in real-time and maintains a comprehensive, accurate audit trail for full accountability.
- **Security Policy Optimisation and Cleanup:** Analysis and clean-up of complex rule bases and objects to eliminate potential security breaches and improve performance.
- **Risk Analysis and Business Continuity:** Powerful simulation and risk analysis to identify potential security risks, ensure compliance with organisational security standards, and prevent service interruptions.
- **Firewall OS Monitoring:** Comprehensive monitoring of critical firewall operating system components and server performance indicators to prevent service interruptions and enable effective auditing.
- **Cross-Platform Visual Monitoring:** Intuitive, graphical views of firewall policies, rule bases and configuration changes for Check Point, Cisco and Juniper firewalls.
- **Auditing and Regulatory Compliance:** Thorough auditing of firewall policy changes by an objective third party supports industry regulations including ACSI 33, ISO 27001, PCI-DSS, SOX, HIPAA, and Basel II.

Earthwave CEO and Founder, Carlo Minassian commented; "In the current climate there are countless examples of hacking, security breaches and interruptions to a company's critical security systems. On the whole, earthwave is providing peace of mind to our clients that we will be the first to know about an issue or problem associated with a company's firewall."

“Real security Governance and compliance require organisations to monitor all layers of their security and to continuously ensure that all are performing as designed. The intention of Firewalls must therefore enforce the organisations’ policy. But in reality – the tools currently used do not have the ability to verify the Firewall policy’s correctness. By the time a company finds out an error exists, it may be too late.”

“The extensive real-time monitoring and analysis features of the new MSS Client Portal can make light work of firewall change management and security policy compliance. Compliance and complexity are driving the requirement for better capability in optimising the existing firewall rules base, and examining the impact of any proposed rule changes. We are able to provide our clients increased levels of accountability with internal and regulatory compliance requirements.”

“We have been told by our clients this detection system is an enormous value add to their business not only from a practical standpoint in that they can quickly address issues that emerge, yet they also feel at ease knowing issues will be identified quickly. They see it as a very proactive solution for their business.”

#### **About earthwave**

earthwave provides around-the-clock (24x7) network security management and end-to-end network security services to protect an organisation’s critical information assets. earthwave provides the key to protecting and strengthening enterprise value in the e-era. We combine many years of information security experience with proprietary tools, proven methodologies, and the largest commercial database of known threats and vulnerabilities in the information security world. Using industry leading data mining and correlation technology, earthwave transforms network-monitoring data into powerful information, enabling companies and organisations to confidently compete in today’s electronic marketplace.

We specialise in network security and information integrity. No other company can match the technical and industry expertise of earthwave’s elite pool of resources. With all of our technical staff holding high-level security certifications and government clearances, we bring to the commercial market accumulated experience handling the most sensitive and sophisticated secure network environments. Headquartered in Sydney, earthwave specialises in proactive network security management through a comprehensive and integrated set of offerings including: Managed Security Services, Secure Internet Gateway, Security Consulting, Secure Hosting, and Security Solutions.

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