VALIDATION FOR DATAPOWER'S XML-AWARE NETWORKING LEADERSHIP CONTINUES WITH SECOND NETWORK COMPUTING

DataPower's XS40 XML Security Gateway Wins Top

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--May 4th, 2005-- DataPower®, the most widely deployed network hardware for securing XML Web services, announced today that it has won Network Computing's "Well-Connected" Award for its DataPower XS40 XML Security Gateway™ as the leading XML Web services security solution. The XS40 was recognized and honored as the leader in the XML Firewall category last night at *Network Computing's* annual Well-connected Award ceremony held at Interop 2005. Based on real-world lab test done by Network Computing this year's award highlights DataPower's leadership over its competitors and in particular highlights DataPower's Web service access control; impressive WS-security standard support; unparallel SAML support; leading performance; and integration with identity-management systems as well as multiple enterprise messaging infrastructure solutions.

"The Well-Connected Awards are the only industry awards given by technologists based on real-world product testing and evaluation. These awards take the pulse of the technology industry and reflect the best of what IT has to offer," said Fritz Nelson, VP and Group Publisher of the *Network Computing* Enterprise Architecture Group. "This is an important distinction from any other award program - the products selected in the Well Connected Awards are unique because they have been graded with the same criteria IT professionals use to make purchasing decisions- truly the most outstanding products and services available."

The XS40's Well-connected award coincides with Network Computing's "*XML Threat Defense*" report published in the April 28, 2005 Firewall Blowout edition in which eleven XML Web services security vendors were invited to compete in order for Network Computing to established how well the market was meeting organizations' challenges for XML Web services security. DataPower's XS40 XML Security Gateway received the Editor's Choice award based on its "stellar performance, flexibility and integration."

"Today's announcement is yet another important third-party validation point for the XS40 XML Security Gateway and establishes the XS40 the only product of its kind to have won top honors for XML Web services security from InfoWorld, *SearchWebservices* and *Network Computing*," said Jim Ricotta, president and CEO at DataPower. "With today's award, DataPower furthers its leadership as the most decorated vendor of its kind and the only XML-aware networking vendor to have won 'best-in-class' awards for its entire broad product portfolio."

DataPower's leading product and industry awards include:

- "Infrastructure Product of the Year" for its XA35 XML Accelerator

- Eugene Kuznetsov, DataPower's CTO, named a Top CTO by InfoWorld
- "Best of Interop" finalist for its XG4 XML Chip
- DataPower Selected as a Red Herring Top 100 Private Companies finalist
- Highest InfoWorld "Excellence Award" based on testing of the XS40 XML Security Gateway & competing XML firewalls
- "Product of the Year" award for its XI50 Integration Appliance from SearchWebservices and
- "Product of the Year" award for its XS40 XML Security Gateway from SearchWebservices
- A 2004 Forrester Wave™ noted that DataPower's XS40 has strong integration for security and management, and the strongest overall current feature set
- Selection as a Top Networking Company by Venture Wire

Powered by DataPower's patented wirespeed XML processing technology, the XS40 XML Security Gateway is a member of DataPower's application-aware networking product family that includes the XA35 XML Accelerator, the XI50 XML Integration Appliance and the XG4 XML Chipset for OEMs. The XS40 XML Security Gateway combines hardened security, wirespeed performance and sophisticated, patent-pending algorithms for XML threat protection and access management, including XML firewall, XDoS protection, SOAP filtering, fine-grained access control, XML schema validation, digital signatures, field-level XML encryption, XML/SOAP routing and service virtualization. The XS40 provides both comprehensive standards support (such as WS-Security 1.0, SAML, XACML, XPath, XKMS, WSDM, SSL, LDAP, and RADIUS), and integration with existing security, management and application infrastructure (such as IBM WebSphere, MQ Series, Tivoli, CA eTrust, CA Unicenter, F5 BIG-IP iControl, Sun Identity Server, Netegrity, Oblix and others).

DataPower's application-oriented network devices are the most widely deployed among Global 1000 firms and leading organizations that include ADP, BAE, Bell Canada, Booz Allen Hamilton, Cendant, CIBC, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Defense, GFKL, The Hartford, Hemscott, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Leader Technologies, Navio, Northrop Grumman, Pfizer, Principal Financial, Royal Bank of Canada, RouteOne, UBS, U.S. VA, and Wachovia.

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About DataPower
DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to

ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3™) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit www.datapower.com

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