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Cognosec AB signs Primary Partner deal with Cyber Essentials Direct

13th October 2016 – Cognosec AB (Nasdaq: COGS), a leading global cyber security specialist, has today announced its new deal to become a primary partner of Cyber Essentials Direct Ltd – owners of The Cyber Highway - a unique online portal that provides companies with a cost-effective and efficient route to successful implementation of the UK Government’s Cyber Essentials Certification scheme. This will see Cognosec AB become a valuable source of advice and support for businesses of all sizes, no matter where they are located, that are looking to achieve Cyber Essentials and Cyber Essentials Plus certification.

The Cyber Highway is an online portal that delivers three vitally important solutions to help secure business communities against the Tier 1 threat of cyber-attack:

1. For the first time, it provides large enterprises with an online cyber security management tool that has been accredited to implement the UK Government’s CE Scheme. Crucially, it offers real-time monitoring of the cyber resilience of their suppliers that sign-up to achieve CE certification in order to meet Government contractual requirements. It also provides large multi-national companies with a tool that they can use themselves to check their own compliance against CE and CE+ standards.

2. For SMEs, it offers a user-friendly and low-cost solution to achieving CE certification – saving companies that lack in-house technical security expertise, significant expense. The Cyber Highway does this by providing built-in guidance and help through every step of the process with costs identified upfront so that companies know what they are committing to financially.
3. The Cyber Highway is the only scalable online solution that can meet the demands imposed by UK Government – to see thousands of vulnerable companies going through the certification process in order to help secure supply chains that are servicing the Ministry of Defence and other key parts of the Critical National Infrastructure – such as utilities, nuclear plants and financial services.

The Cyber Highway portal was launched in September 2016 to support the broader Cyber Essentials certification scheme that was launched by the UK Government in June 2014.

“It makes complete sense that businesses should be able to prove that they have reached a certain level of cyber defence to be considered for contracts, particularly for those working with Governments where highly confidential citizen data is at risk,” said Robert Brown, CEO of Cognosec AB. “We are specialists at understanding the cyber threat facing the UK and EMEA areas and are fully committed to utilising The Cyber Highway to achieve Cyber Essentials Certification - to help ensure levels of cyber protection in these areas are kept as high as possible.”

John Lyons, CEO of Cyber Essentials Direct Ltd, added, “We’re delighted to be naming Cognosec AB as a Primary Partner. The scale and outreach that they will be able to achieve through use of The Cyber Highway will help ensure improved levels of cyber resilience for companies in many regions of the world that badly need a cost-effective solution that will provide increased levels of safety and security against cyber-attack. Globally, business communities of all shapes and sizes are experiencing increased risk from cyber threats and the only way this will be countered is by implementing these very basic yet sound technical security standards that have been created by the UK’s GCHQ.

With a wealth of experience in the security industry, Cognosec AB is already a trusted adviser to businesses seeking to improve their security against cyber-

attack. The introduction of The Cyber Highway to their operations, will deliver additional critical capability, enabling their cyber security experts to evaluate threats and help companies implement the most effective range of good practice cyber defences.”

BRIEFING ON COGNOSEC

Cognosec AB (publ) is a Group of specialist cybersecurity companies with the parent company in Sweden, and operating internationally through subsidiaries in United Kingdom, Germany, Sweden, South Africa, Kenya, and the United Arab Emirates. The Group delivers security, governance, risk and compliance services to help clients across a variety of industries – including banking and finance, government, healthcare, manufacturing and retail – to protect themselves against security threats. The Cognosec Group reports revenues of 16 826 TEUR for the full year 2015. For more information, please visit www.cognosec.se

About Cyber Essentials Direct Ltd

Cyber Essentials Direct Ltd, creators of The Cyber Highway, offer a new, unique and user-friendly online portal for large enterprises that want to strengthen the cyber defence of their supply chain, and for companies of all sizes that want to improve their cyber resilience.

It is the first time that companies will be empowered to take control online of the Cyber Essentials certification process, enabling them to make improvements to the safety and security of their digital assets. Enterprise companies will have the ability to monitor in real-time the progress that their suppliers are making, en route to Cyber Essentials certification.

For more information, please visit www.thecyberhighway.com,
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