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D-Link Announces Support For Microsoft Network Access Protection Technology

D-Link adds Microsoft NAP to business-class xStack Switch series, will also integrate into NetDefend™ multifunction VPN firewall security appliance family

SYDNEY, Aust., March 19, 2007 – D-Link, the end-to-end networking solutions provider for consumers and business, today announced that it has joined the partner ecosystem supporting Microsoft Network Access Protection (NAP) technology.

Network Access Protection is a policy enforcement technology built into the Windows Vista and Windows Server "Longhorn" operating systems that allows customers to better protect network assets from unhealthy computers by enforcing compliance with network health policies. Microsoft's Network Access Protection technology is publicly available with Windows Vista, and available to select partners and customers with Beta 2 of the future version of Windows Server, code-named "Longhorn".

D-Link's Network Access Protection solution supports Network Access Protection by bridging Network Access Protection clients and the Network Access Protection servers.

"Microsoft is pleased that D-Link will be supporting Network Access Protection," said Mike Schutz, Group Product Manager – Security and Access, Microsoft Corp. "D-Link xStack Switch series, including DES-3500, DES-3800, DGS-3400 and DGS-3600 series, working with Network Access Protection will benefit customers by enabling the latest protection technology."

The xStack Switch series is D-Link's business-class switch solution designed to meet market requirements for speed, manageability and security. In the past two years, the D-Link xStack Switch series has made significant strides in the enterprise and telco markets, and gained worldwide recognition. The xStack Switch series includes Layer 2 to Layer 3 managed switches, ranging from 10/100 to Gigabit speeds, providing a total business-class solution. All xStack series switches are equipped with comprehensive security control and advanced quality of service (QoS) functions. The user-friendly management interface of the xStack series also alleviates the burden of network administrators.

D-Link's alliance with Microsoft adds to xStack's already rich feature set. With Microsoft NAP support, the D-Link xStack Switch will grant each network host access only if it complies with IT security policies such as up-to-date anti-virus signatures and operating system patches.

Moving forward, D-Link will also integrate its NetDefend™ multifunction VPN firewall security appliance family with Microsoft NAP, which will further enhance D-Link's security solution from the endpoint desktop to the network gateway.

"Comprehensive endpoint security is what all organisations are looking for today," said Dean Williams, Product Strategy Manager, D-Link Australia & New Zealand. "By integrating Microsoft NAP into D-Link's solution, our customers will benefit from enhanced network access security policies."

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