

## **BroadScan UTM Appliances Selected by WISPs and ITSPs for Spam-Virus Firewall Security**

*Compelling Business Model Attracts Small and Medium Service Providers Looking for Better Value*

**Santa Clara, CA, March 24, 2006** – SOHware, an integrated wireless systems pioneer, announces the selection of BroadScan by Tier 1 WISPs to fulfill a multi-function role for security and WAN load balancing at their distributed subscriber networks. BroadScan offers Unified Threat Management (UTM) in a single security appliance that protects business networks from intruders, plus offers comprehensive Spam, virus and Spyware filtering with free signature updates. The UTM functions are combined with WAN load balancing, which allows the WISP to aggregate multiple links thereby achieving high availability of Internet access. Service Providers who target the small and medium business market, including MTU/MDU communities, hotels and resorts, know they are engaging a cost-sensitive customer. BroadScan offers unparalleled value as a complete WAN solution, simplifying the Service Provider's need to integrate, deploy and manage secure WAN access at each property.

BroadScan utilizes the security industry's most respected open source engines for comprehensive scanning of Email, web pages and FTP files. Based on ClamAV, SpamAssassin, and SNORT engines, the deployed UTM appliance automatically updates its signature files at intervals as frequently as every 10 minutes and requires no licensing or subscription fee. "For the service provider, this exceptional value can mean the difference between winning a property bid or not, given the level of competition smaller Service Providers face today," says Ashok Kumar, VP of Business Development.

Consumer expectation, when it comes to Internet access, is increasingly demanding with regard to access reliability, and Service Providers who can offer cost-effective ways to assure available access are at an advantage. The BroadScan SCL series integrates WAN load balancing in two and four WAN port models, allowing the WISP to provision services from one or multiple carriers, whether DSL, Cable, or leased line, and aggregate the links through one appliance. BroadScan WAN load balancing features allow distribution of bandwidth across each link and, should a service disruption occur, will intelligently and seamlessly direct traffic to the active link.

Complete UTM functions include firewall with Intrusion Detection and Prevention (IDP), anti-Spam / anti-virus / anti-Spyware, VPN, traffic shaping, and extensive policy management with support for RADIUS authentication. Yet, the web-based administrative interface is intuitively organized with setup wizards and graphical display that simplify the configuration of policies and settings, and provide quick glance statistics of network performance and events. Intuitive administration is particularly important to

VARs and Service Providers who plan to support VoIP on the network. BroadScan traffic shaping functions include support for QoS with SIP/H.323 ALGs that assure a VoIP friendly network environment.

BroadScan SCL series are available in two models, including SCL2000 with two WAN ports and 500 user capacity, and the SCL3000 with four WAN ports and 1000 user capacity. Scanning engine updates for virus, Spam and IDS signatures are automatic and require no subscription or licensing fees.

#### About SOHware

SOHware provides BroadScan and other integrated networking solutions that conform to OACIS open architecture through a Partner-Direct channel model for SMB, hospitality and MTU property networks. SOHware solutions offer innovative, business-class features combining the performance, ease of use, and affordability demanded by the growing SMB and Small to Medium Service Provider (SMSP) markets. Other OACIS portfolio solutions include:

- AeroGuard MIMO wireless technology access points
- AeroGate access service gateways for public network access
- AeroExtend PMP outdoor wireless AP - Bridge
- BroadTaIX VoIP PBX and SIP phones
- BroadLink multi-homing load balancers

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