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**FORMER AIR FORCE RED TEAM CHIEF TO LEAD DIGITAL DEFENSE'S SECURITY & COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS**

**San Antonio, TX – May 7, 2007** – Digital Defense, Inc., a threat assessment and risk management service provider, today announced Mark Bell's appointment as Vice President, Security & Compliance Operations. In this role, Mr. Bell's responsibilities will focus on delivering high quality service to our clients including those offered through our information security programs, our security testing and quality assurance solutions, and our compliance packages. Mr. Bell will also serve as the key technical liaison between the Company and its increasing number of business partners.

"Mark is the right person for the job," said Larry R. Hurtado, president and CEO of Digital Defense. "Mark's training and experiences in the United States Air Force along with his previous work in other security-related commercial enterprises make him the perfect fit for addressing our growing business needs. We believe that our clients and prospects will truly value his technical acumen and the leadership that he brings to this key component of our business. We strive to deliver the highest quality of service to our clients, and Mark will make sure that this happens as we continue to scale up our business."

Mr. Bell commented that he is excited about applying his background and experience to the mission of Digital Defense. The opportunity to help organizations secure their networks and meet their regulatory compliance needs is one that directly aligns with his interests. "While network security is a competitive field, the comprehensive security and risk management solutions available from Digital Defense are compelling ones that are differentiated in the Security Industry," stated Mr. Bell. "The use of Digital Defense proprietary technology, delivery of services based on industry best practices and fulfilled by well-trained security analysts not only helps organizations meet compliance requirements, but also protects them against threats prevalent in today's business world. The Company has clearly positioned itself for more rapid growth and I look forward to working with the team to assist in this expansion."

Mark continues to serve in the United States Air Force Reserve. He is a member of the 92nd Information Operations Squadron at the Air Force Information Operations Center in San Antonio, Texas. He has served as Team Chief and/or Technical Lead for various

network security assessment missions worldwide, including Red Team Operations, Network Vulnerability/Integrity Assessments (NVA/NIA) and the Information Assurance Assistance Program (IAAP).

Most recently, Bell served as a Senior Systems Engineer and Deputy Technical Lead for the Vulnerability Lifecycle Management System (VLMS) Systems Engineering & Integration (SE&I) effort at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). In this capacity, he led a team of over 20 people in designing, planning and implementing the VLMS solution. While at SAIC, he was a co-inventor of the patent-pending Computer Network Defense Exercise (CNDX) and Team Defend network defense training platforms.

Bell holds a Master of Science degree in Information Assurance (cum laude) from Norwich University and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Hawaii Pacific University (summa cum laude).

#### **About Digital Defense**

Digital Defense, Inc., a privately held firm based in San Antonio, Texas, delivers a comprehensive portfolio of risk management services including information security programs, regulatory compliance solutions, security testing of IT products and security education offerings to financial institutions and enterprises that utilize Internet Protocol-based technology in their business operations. Digital Defense and its Security Operations team uses proprietary technology and industry best practices to deliver a broad array of services to its clients, which range from small financial institutions to global Fortune enterprises. Frontline™, Digital Defense's flagship service portal, provides clients with instant access to a security information management platform that enables independent oversight of their organization's security posture on an autonomous or Digital Defense managed service basis. For more information about Digital Defense, please visit our web site at [www.digitaldefense.net](http://www.digitaldefense.net) or contact us at 888.273.1412.

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