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DIGITAL DEFENSE APPOINTS NEW CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

San Antonio, TX – Jan. 28, 2008 – [Digital Defense, Inc.](#)(DDI), a leading information security assessment services and risk management solutions provider, today announced the appointment of Tom DeSot as Chief Compliance Officer. In this role, DeSot will be responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with key industry and market regulators, supporting corporate marketing and public relations initiatives, and serving as the prime regulatory compliance resource for the company.

“Tom’s management at Digital Defense in the area of vulnerability research and compliance makes him a natural fit for this new role,” said Larry R. Hurtado, president and CEO of Digital Defense. “His 16 years of experience in the financial industry has helped Digital Defense to maintain a leadership position within the industry and makes him an invaluable asset to our team. We are confident that Tom’s increased responsibilities will allow us to broaden our efforts and enhance our [security offerings](#).” Prior to serving as Chief Compliance Officer, DeSot was Executive Vice President of Vulnerability Research and Compliance at Digital Defense.

DeSot’s professional background includes positions such as Vice President of Information Systems at San Antonio City Employees Federal Credit Union (SACEFCU), a \$311 million financial institution, where he was responsible for numerous institution-wide projects, including information security initiatives, the Y2K program and the installation and implementation of both home banking and bill pay products. He has also served as Assistant Vice President for Bank of America, Texas N.A., where he was responsible for operations at two local offices.

Throughout his career, DeSot has held positions in virtually every financial institution business line and remains well versed in financial institution regulations as they pertain to information security and financial institution operations. He regularly authors information security white papers and has been quoted in a variety of magazine and website articles regarding the financial industry and information security.

DeSot understands that regulatory compliance is a pillar to a company’s success. “I am passionate about Digital Defense and our full dedication to providing leading security solutions to organizations across the globe,” commented DeSot. “Compliance touches various aspects of an enterprise and is critically important to financial institutions, as well as any organization that uses technology to achieve their business goals and objectives. Compliance results in security, and security is the backbone of the digital age.”

DeSot holds a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Arts and Sciences from Texas State University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. Additionally, he is certified by the National Security Agency's INFOSEC Assessment Methodology and is formally trained in the OCTAVE Risk Assessment Methodology. DeSot is heavily involved in San Antonio's network security community and formerly served on the board of directors for the Alamo Chapter of Information Systems Security Association. He is currently a member of both ISSA and ISACA and serves on both the Supervisory/Audit Committee and Technology Steering Committee for San Antonio City Employees Federal Credit Union.

About Digital Defense

Digital Defense, Inc., an approved scanning vendor by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council (SSC), 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 enterprises that utilize Internet Protocol-based technologies 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 in a self-directed or Digital Defense-managed service basis. For more information about Digital Defense, please visit our web site at www.digitaldefense.net or contact us at 888.273.1412.

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