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DIGITAL DEFENSE ANNOUNCES MERGER & ACQUISITION SERVICE

San Antonio, TX – December 1, 2008 – [Digital Defense, Inc.](#) (DDI) today announced the addition of the [Security Watch for Acquisitions and Transactions](#) (SWAT™) offering to its broad array of information security solutions. The SWAT program developed by DDI enables any organization to test the security of information systems and physical infrastructure of an acquisition target as part of the due diligence process. SWAT empowers the acquiring organization to quickly identify material information security weaknesses associated with the acquisition target prior to the merger. SWAT reduces the risk and cost of unexpected post-merger degradation to the acquiring organization's overall information security posture.

The security staff of most organizations is already stretched to the limit by daily activities that render them unable to quickly and adequately evaluate the security of networks and physical sites typically introduced en masse by a merger. The SWAT service provides additional value to an acquiring organization by addressing this security evaluation burden, and allowing current security staff to remain focused on key business functions. Ultimately, the service facilitates sound acquisitions and limits the exposure presented by integrating the target organization's networks and physical infrastructure with those of the acquirer.

“The current economic downturn is driving more mergers with short time frames. Recognizing the danger inherent in rapid merger activity, we designed the SWAT program as a turnkey service to assist organizations who need to complete a merger quickly, but without adverse impact to their security posture. This includes firms asked by their regulator to rapidly acquire other companies in distress, or those electing to merge out of critical business necessity,” explained [Larry R. Hurtado](#), president and CEO of Digital Defense. “While the security of the acquirer's systems and networks is paramount, it is equally important for the acquirer to factor in the cost of potential information security remediation efforts when negotiating the price it will pay for the target company.”

The services contained within Digital Defense's SWAT program comprise five phases:

- internal and external network vulnerability assessments
- internal and external network penetration tests
- physical security site audits

- network security architecture review
- formal out-brief session

The SWAT program includes access to DDI's secure [Frontline](#)TM service portal for report delivery and storage.

About Digital Defense

Digital Defense, Inc. (DDI), 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. DDI and its Security Operations team uses proprietary Software as a Service (SaaS) technology and industry best practices to deliver a broad array of services to clients, which range from small financial institutions to global Fortune enterprises. FrontlineTM, DDI's flagship service portal, provides clients with instant access to a SIAM platform that enables independent oversight of their organization's security posture on an autonomous or DDI-managed service basis. For more information about Digital Defense, please visit our web site at www.ddifrontline.com or contact us at 888.273.1412.

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