DATAPOWER EXTENDS ITS POSITION AS MOST DECORATED XML-AWARE NETWORKING COMPANY WITH LATEST "WEB SERVICES SECURITY PRODUCT OF THE YEAR" AWARD

DataPower XS40 XML Security Gateway Gold Product of the Year Continues Leading Independent Validation and Recognition as the Only Web Service Security Vendor with Its Own Patented XML Processing Engine, Most Advanced High-End Security Features, Unique True Network Device, Ease-of-Use, and DataPower Agility Architecture

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--January 18th, 2005-- DataPower®, the original creator and leading provider of intelligent XML-Aware Network (XAN) hardware, announced today that its most widely deployed DataPower XS40 XML Security Gateway™ was awarded Product of the Year for Web services security, winning Gold over all other competing products including Reactivity. The annual 2004 Products of Year Awards were independently judged by the editorial staff at SearchWebservices along with a team of users, industry experts, analysts, and consultants and augments DataPower's unmatched third-party validation and independent recognition for its XML-aware networking vision that began in 1999. Together, the Awards span 26 product categories and single out 68 products enterprise IT professionals should consider adding to their "A" lists of products. The judges evaluated more than 400 products and selected the winning products based on six criteria:

- **Innovation & Performance** – Only DataPower has patented wirespeed performance using sophisticated algorithms for executing XML Web service security. DataPower is the only network vendor to invent and own its XML processing technology and develop its Web services security gateway from the ground up with security in mind.
- **Ease of integration into existing environments** - With its leading "Integration for Management" strategy, DataPower leads the industry with the largest ecosystem of partners and deepest integration with existing application, security, identity management and networking infrastructure vendors including RSA Security, Computer Associates, Oblix, IBM, Tivoli, Eclipse, Sun Microsystems, Microsoft, HP, Netegrity, F5, Progress Software, Altova, Blue Titan, Grand Central, Contivo, SAIC, Quadrasis, Redline and Cyclone Commerce.
- **Ease of use and manageability** – DataPower's"Ease of Use" was specifically identified by the award judges who said, "This product scored particularly high in the ease-of-use category." The judges further noted that one end-user said, "As for the transition, it was painless. We were up and running in less than a day." This demonstrates the unique DataPower Agility (DA) Architecture, which allows enterprises to quickly deploy the XS40 in a complex environment, and adapt to changing needs. Featured is the easy-to-use GUI, which provides drag and drop services and wizards for XML filtering, signing, verification, validation, encryption, decryption, transformation and routing configuration and administration; and configuration features such as a SOAP management interface, and IDE integration including Eclipse support.

- **Functionality** – Accentuating the XS40's most comprehensive XML Web service security features, including DataPower's powerful AAA Framework, enabling a broad variety of methods for extracting user passwords, security tokens, and other identity information; fully extensible Audit & Accounting processing, and the ability to serve as a secure XML Web services proxy and access policy enforcement point in front of application servers. Additionally, the XS40 delivers hardened security and wirespeed performance for XML firewall, XDoS protection, SOAP filtering, access control, XML schema validation, field level digital signatures and XML encryption, XML routing, service virtualization, SAML-based federated identity management, and support for critical Web services standards such as WS-Security, WS-Addressing, WS-SecureConversation, and other WS-* specifications.
- **Value** – As exemplified by deployments of the XS40 by leading organizations including ADP, BAE, Bell Canada, Booz Allen Hamilton, Cendant, CIBC, GFKL, The Hartford, Hemscott, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Leader Technologies, Navio, Northrop Grumman, Pfizer, RouteOne, RBC, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), UBS, Vesta and Wachovia. DataPower's Global 1000 Customers include five of the top 10 financial services companies.

"DataPower is honored to have been awarded The Product of the Year in the security category by such an esteemed group of experts," said Mark Taber, Vice President of Worldwide Sales at DataPower. "Since first launching the product over two years ago, the XS40 has consistently established itself as the recognized leader and de facto standard for securely deploying XML Web services among Global 1000 enterprises and leading industry analysts and experts."

In associated news, [The DataPower XI50 XML Integration Appliance](#)™ was also selected as a product of the year for the "Integration" category (See: [DataPower XML Integration Appliance Selected as a "Product of the Year" And Showcases The Evolving shift from Packet-oriented to Application-oriented Network Infrastructure](#)) and DataPower is the only vendor to have won "Product of the Year" awards in separate categories. These latest accolades further extends DataPower's lead as the most decorated XML-aware networking company, with awards that include winner of the Well-Connected Infrastructure Product of the Year, the only XML-aware networking vendor selected for two years running as a finalist for the Well-Connected award; winner of the InfoWorld Media Group "Excellent" award; selection as a finalist for Best of Interop Awards for N+I 2004 Las Vegas; selection as Top Networking Company by VentureWire, and inclusion in the AlwaysOn Top 100 and SD Times 100 lists.

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DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3™) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit www.datapower.com

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