DATAPOWER'S EUGENE KUZNETSOV NAMED A TOP CTO FOR HIS XML-AWARE NETWORKING VISION

InfoWorld Top 25 CTO Ranking Recognizes Kuznetsov's Creation & Leadership for the "Hot" Category of Application-Aware Networking Dedicated to the Efficiencies & Scale of Moving Application Processing into the Network

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--April 12th, 2005-- DataPower(r), the original creator and leading provider of intelligent XML-Aware Network (XAN) hardware, today announced that its Chief Technology Officer Eugene Kuznetsov has been selected as one of InfoWorld's "Top 25 Most Influential CTOs" for 2005 (See: *InfoWorld CTO 25* at http://www.infoworld.com/2701). These elite IT leaders continuously demonstrate leadership and innovation both inside and outside of their companies. Kuznetsov was selected for creating the visionary approach of XML-aware networking that has enabled today's fundamental shift of moving application-specific processing out of software and into efficient, scalable network hardware while seamlessly integrating these network devices into existing Global 1000 enterprise infrastructures.

Winners of this prestigious award are selected by InfoWorld's top editors and the members of its CTO Advisory Council. InfoWorld celebrates the achievements of these CTOs and profiles Kuznetsov, along with other notable industry leaders including Ravi Arimilli at IBM ((NYSE:IBM); Carl Banzhof at Citadel Security (NasdaqSC:CDSS); Hossein Eslambolchi, at AT&T (NYSE:T); Jim Lester at Aflac (NYSE:AFL); Robert Otto at the U.S. Postal Service; Toby Redshaw at Motorola (NYSE:MOT); Bruce Schneier at Counterpane Internet Security; and Pradeep Sindhu at Juniper Networks (NasdaqNM:JNPR) in this week's issue of InfoWorld and online at www.infoworld.com/2701

"It is extremely gratifying that InfoWorld recognizes, as we do, the talent and innovative vision of Eugene Kuznetsov," said Jim Ricotta, CEO and president at DataPower. "Eugene invented XML-aware networking six years ago and put forth the notion that you could move XML processing onto network hardware for unparalleled performance, security and significantly reduced operational complexity for XML Web service deployments. Today, he continues to lead DataPower in establishing industry benchmarks for leadership and innovation. It is Eugene's vision and DataPower's ability to execute on that vision that has made DataPower the most widely-deployed XML-aware networking solution."

In 1999, Eugene Kuznetov formulated a vision for the next generation of intelligent network equipment to secure, rationalize, accelerate and integrate applications. This vision of XML-aware networks (XANs) is a key part of the transition from packet-oriented networks to application-oriented networks, where intelligent network equipment provides not just connectivity but message-level security, routing, integration and acceleration. Eugene's vision was built on two beliefs that have materialized today as reality: first, that XML would become the dominant protocol for connecting disparate

systems, and second, that only true network devices, rather than heterogeneous software, would be able to support the security, performance and reduced complexity required for wide adoption and scalable operation. To meet the unique security and performance requirements of powering this new class of network equipment, Eugene founded DataPower to develop unique patented XG3(tm) XML processing technology. XG3 technology is designed from the ground up to protect against XML security vulnerabilities and to deliver wirespeed performance without sacrificing security or flexibility.

More than five years later, Eugene Kuznetsov is not only the original creator of XML-aware networking, but continues to lead DataPower as chairman and CTO while DataPower has become the most widely deployed provider of XML and application-aware network devices. DataPower customers worldwide have XML-aware networks that secure, accelerate and enable application processing at price and performance levels not possible with software. DataPower's network devices have securely processed billions of dollars in XML and Web service transactions. Members of DataPower's application-aware networking product family include:

- the award-winning XA35 XML Accelerator
- the award-winning XS40 XML Security Gateway
- the award-winning XI50 Integration Appliance
- and the XG4 XML Chipset for OEMs.

The XA35 XML Accelerator offloads resource-intensive XML processing tasks from application servers and offers comprehensive support for new versions of standards such as XML, XML Schema (XSD), Web services, XPath and XSLT. The XS40 is purpose-built by some of the world's top XML and security experts to secure XML Web Services transactions and designed to help enterprises overcome the two critical barriers for deploying XML Web services: security risks and performance bottlenecks. The XS40 is a true network hardware device that serves as a secure XML Web services proxy and access policy enforcement point in front of the application servers. For more information on DataPower and DataPower's XML-aware network devices go to www.datapower.com

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