

Astaro Reduces Environmental Impact of Forgotten PIX Appliance Line

*Security vendor partners with local recycling company
to dispose of end-of-life Cisco PIX appliances.*

Burlington, MA (June 05, 2008) —Astaro Corporation (www.astaro.com), a leading vendor of security appliances, today announced that the company will be working with Go Green Global Recycling company to recycle all of the Cisco PIX appliances received through Astaro's Upgrade Your PIX promotion. The ongoing Astaro promotion gives PIX users a 20% discount on Astaro Security Gateway appliances in exchange for their outdated PIX units.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), electronic waste (e-waste) is one of the most rapidly growing waste problems worldwide. The agency predicts that, within the next decade, more than 13 billion pounds of e-waste plastics will be produced from computer e-waste alone. However, the EPA also notes that, "The crisis relates not only to quantity, but also to the toxic nature of e-waste. Vast amounts of toxic materials such as lead, beryllium, mercury, cadmium, and brominated flame retardants are contained within the growing mountains of e-waste around the world."

Astaro CEO Jan Hichert explains, "Astaro wants to do its part to reduce the physical waste and environmental toxins produced through the disposal of electronics that have been end-of-lived. In addition, recycling the materials from hardware appliances will help to conserve our natural resources, as well as reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions that result from the mining and manufacturing process."

For more information on the Upgrade Your PIX promotion, visit [http://www.astaro.com/contact/\(type\)/upgrade_your_pix](http://www.astaro.com/contact/(type)/upgrade_your_pix). For more information on recycling electronic waste, visit the [EPA webpage \(www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/ecycling/index.htm\)](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/ecycling/index.htm).

Source: EPA Contract Number: EPD04058, "Improving the Recyclability of Computer Scrap and Other E-Waste" investigated by Edward J. Sommer, 2003-2005.

About Go Green Global Recycling

Serving Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Go Green Global Recycling aims to reduce the enormous amount of waste that ends up in landfills. At Go Green, the policy is that nothing gets thrown away; all materials are sorted and properly recycled at various domestic facilities. The company provides service for businesses and individuals and collects electronics, metal, bottles and cans, cardboard, cartridges, car batteries and mixed paper. Shredding and data destruction is provided. For more information, please visit

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<http://www.gogreenglobalrecycling.com>.

About Astaro

Astaro Corporation is headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts and Karlsruhe, Germany. The Astaro Security Gateway, simplifying Email, Web & Network Security, has won numerous industry awards and is protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of nearly 2,500 solution partners who offer local support and services. For more information, please visit <http://www.astaro.com>.

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