Astaro Secures And Connects Hannoush Jewelers's Network

Jeweler reduces administrative costs by managing the network from a single location and eliminating malware using the Astaro Security Gateway

June 1, 2009 (Wilmington, MA) *– Astaro Corporation (http://www.astaro.com), a leading network security vendor, today announced that Hannoush Jewelers Inc., a jewelry manufacturer and retailer headquartered in Massachusetts, with remote offices across the United States, has deployed The Astaro Security Gateway, eliminating malware at locations with content filtering and connecting all 70 of its remote locations to the company's headquarters through encrypted VPN tunnels.*

Hannoush Jewelers needed to create VPN tunnels to connect their dispersed network of retail franchises and business offices. The jewelry manufacturer and retailer was able to create VPN tunnels at all of their remote locations within minutes using the Astaro Security Gateway. The ease of setting up the networks and connecting them via VPN tunnels makes it possible to immediately add locations to the company's network and secure offices and franchises as they are brought online.

"Our retail stores and business offices are distributed across the country, so it is necessary to connect our network using VPN tunnels. We needed a solution that would accommodate our many locations and provide us with content filtering at many of our sites," said Gary Savard, Systems Administrator, Hannoush Jewelers. "The Astaro Security Gateway provided the VPN capabilities we needed and provided us with stable and flexible content filtering options."

Hannoush uses the Unified Threat Management's content filtering capabilities at strategic locations. The content filtering capabilities allowed Hannoush to block access to harmful websites eliminating malware at these locations, reducing the amount of time administrators devote to cleaning out individual computers, saving the company valuable man hours.

The frequent product updates provided by Astaro means that Hannoush's network is always protected from the latest security threats. Additionally, Hannoush is able to manage the entire network from a central location at the company headquarters with the Astaro Command Center.

Savard continued: "The Astaro Command Center provided me with a means to manage the entire network myself, without having to be present at each remote location. Having a network administrator at each location is cost prohibitive so having the Astaro Command Center made it possible for us to meet our network's goals."

"We understand network security requirements are always evolving so we make it a priority to offer product updates as frequently as possible," said David Rogers, Vice President Americas, Astaro Corporation. "Also, when a network is as distributed geographically as Hannoush's, new challenges arise when securing the network. We work with customers to meet their needs, whether it is setting up VPN tunnels or creating unique content filtering rules at multiple locations."

About Astaro

Astaro offers the most complete and easy to use Internet security appliances available. Combining best of breed applications, the proven quality of Linux and enterprise level performance, Astaro's award-winning products provide the latest

protection with the best total cost of ownership. Software, hardware and virtual appliance offerings provide users the flexibility to meet a wide variety of deployment scenarios. Distributed by a growing worldwide network of more than 3,000 resellers, Astaro products protect over 100,000 networks for 47,000 customers across 60 countries. Astaro, headquartered in Wilmington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at www.astaro.com.

About Hannoush Jewelers

Hannoush Jewelers is a company whose philosophy has always been one of family ownership and personal attention to detail. Under the careful guidance of the Hannoush Family, the first Hannoush Jewelers retail store opened its doors in Massachusetts in 1980. Today the Hannoush Jewelers network includes: More than 70 company owned and franchised locations throughout the United States. Over 600 professionally trained employees with skills ranging from fine jewelry design, casting and settings to expert purchase advise and retail management. A commitment to conduct business with integrity and respect for the customer.

The Hannoush Philosophy Trust. The fine reputation that Hannoush Jewelers has built over the years for low cost and high quality begins at the source. Our own master craftspeople design and cast our settings, and create almost all of the diamond and gemstone jewelry that is offered in our stores, the design and manufacturing of our jewelry takes place at Hannoush Jewelers facilities in Springfield, MA.

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