

## Astaro Corporation Announces Exceptional Second Quarter Results

*Poor economy did not affect network security company's performance*

**July 29, 2009 (Wilmington, MA)** – Astaro Corporation (<http://www.astaro.com>), a leading network security vendor, today announced that Astaro has achieved 26% quarter over quarter growth for the second quarter of 2009. This growth also represents a 16% increase in revenues over the second quarter of 2008 and marks Astaro's 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter of growth as well as the company's third most profitable quarter to date.

"Organizations large and small and around the world are still feeling the effects of the poor economy. Despite the economic downturn, organizations must still protect their networks from a myriad of viruses, malware and other threats," said Jan Hichert, CEO, Astaro. "One reason for Astaro's continued success is that Unified Threat Management solutions have always been about reducing the total cost of ownership of network security and the reduced costs associated with deploying a UTM are especially attractive during a down economy. Additionally, our open source based development model allows us to deliver high quality security solutions at a low price point."

Astaro, the fourth largest pure-play Unified Threat Management (UTM) vendor worldwide, enjoyed third party recognition for the company's innovation and commitment to improving network security standards. During the second quarter of 2009 Astaro became the only UTM vendor to attain VMware Ready certification, was listed in the visionaries quadrant of Gartner's SMB Multifunctional Firewall Magic Quadrant and was recognized by Everything Channel as having a Five-Star partner program.

During the second quarter Astaro successfully introduced the Astaro Security Gateway 625 model, which is designed to provide protection for organizations with up to 4,000 users. Astaro also introduced its new feature request site which empowers customers, partners and employees with a forum for suggesting features and improvements for Astaro's security products.

"As Astaro continues to grow and offer additional services we will strive for the same level of excellence that has allowed us to succeed during the current economic downturn", Hichert continued. "A crisis is a situation that holds dangers as well as opportunities. It is up to us to seize the opportunity lying hidden in a difficult situation and turn it to good account."

### **About Astaro Corporation**

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](http://www.astaro.com).

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**About VMware**

VMware (NYSE: VMW) is the global leader in virtualization solutions from the desktop to the datacenter. Customers of all sizes rely on VMware to reduce capital and operating expenses, ensure business continuity, strengthen security and go green. With 2008 revenues of \$1.9 billion, VMware is one of the fastest growing public software companies. Headquartered in Palo Alto, California, VMware is majority-owned by EMC Corporation (NYSE: EMC) and on the web at [www.vmware.com](http://www.vmware.com).

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