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NOD32 Antivirus Receives Most Comprehensive Anti-Spyware Certification from Checkmark

NOD32 is 1st Desktop Product Certified for Both Spyware Prevention and Cleaning

SAN DIEGO – June 21, 2006 – ESET, a global provider of security software for enterprises and consumers, today announced that its NOD32 Antivirus software is the first desktop security product to be certified for both preventing and cleaning spyware by Checkmark.

“ESET’s NOD32 is the first anti-malware product to achieve both the Anti-Spyware Desktop Checkmark certification for detecting spyware and the Anti-Spyware Installed Checkmark certification for nullifying spyware and is to be congratulated on its double award,” according to Chris Thomas, CTO West Coast Labs. “This means that users can be reassured that their machines now have two lines of defense from the one product.”

NOD32 v2.5 was one of the first products to earn the Checkmark “Anti-Spyware Desktop” certification for blocking earlier in 2005. The combined awards validate the superior technology and performance customers have come to expect from ESET’s products.

The spyware crisis has become a major threat to corporate computing environments. According to IDC analyst Brian Burke, 40% of IT helpdesk calls are related to spyware, and over 75% of corporate desktops are affected. IDC estimates spyware costs a company with 2,000 computers approximately \$170,080 each year.

About Checkmark

West Coast Labs is an independent organization, which tests information security products. The Checkmark certification is an integrated system of standards that are recognized around the world as reliable indicators of performance levels.

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About ESET

Founded in 1992, ESET is a global provider of security software for enterprises and consumers. ESET's award-winning, anti-threat software system, NOD32, provides real-time protection from known and unknown viruses, spyware and other malware. NOD32 offers the smallest, fastest and most advanced protection available, with more Virus Bulletin 100% Awards than any other antivirus product. ESET was named to Deloitte's Technology Fast 500 four years running, and has an extensive partner network, including corporations like Canon, Dell and Microsoft. ESET has offices in Bratislava, SK; San Diego, USA; Prague, CZ; Buenos Aires, AR; and is represented worldwide in more than 80 countries. For more information, visit www.eset.com or call 619-319-3000.

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