

ASTARO NAMES NEW GLOBAL VICE PRESIDENT, MARKETING
New Position Signals Astaro's Growing Opportunity and Success

BURLINGTON, Mass., January 25, 2005 – Alex Neihaus, an IT industry veteran, has joined the Astaro Corporation as vice president of worldwide marketing. Astaro is the leader in unified threat management network security products and creator of the multiple award-winning Astaro Security Gateway line of software and appliances.

Neihaus brings with him a varied background in networking, enterprise systems, design software and messaging infrastructures. He joins Astaro from Ipswitch, a developer of software for small and mid-sized businesses worldwide, where he led global marketing efforts. Prior posts included Revit Technology, an architectural design software business acquired by Autodesk, Inc. Neihaus has also worked for IBM Corporation and Lotus Development Corporation, where he was director of marketing for Lotus's Asia-Pacific region.

"Due to our rapid growth and worldwide success, we have decided now is the right time to expand our marketing efforts so customers may more easily learn about Astaro and our unique approach to comprehensive network protection. We are thrilled to have an executive of Alex's capabilities to guide our global branding and positioning strategy," said Jan Hichert, CEO of Astaro. "We are confident he will help lead our marketing efforts in new, creative and effective directions."

About Astaro - www.astaro.com

Astaro develops a complete line of network security products including the Astaro Security Gateway software and Astaro Security Gateway line of security appliances. All Astaro products offer nine critical security applications in three categories - Web Security, Email Security and Network Security - fully integrated on a single management platform.

The company is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and with facilities in Karlsruhe, Germany. Astaro's software has won numerous industry awards, and is protecting over 25,000 networks in 60 countries, including such organizations as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Los Alamos National Labs, Stanford University and Watsco, Inc. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of 350 solutions partners who offer local support and services.

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