

## **Astaro Ranks 700 on the Inc. 5000 List of Fastest Growing Private Companies**

Astaro also ranked 15th in Top Companies for Security

**Burlington, Mass. (October 10, 2007)** – Astaro Corporation ([www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com)), a leader in delivering Unified Threat Management (UTM) security appliances, today announced that it has been chosen by Inc. magazine for its prestigious Inc. 5000 list of the top 5000 fastest growing private companies, measured by sales growth. Astaro was also ranked 15th on the Inc. “Top Companies in Security” and 32nd on the Top Companies in the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH region.

The Inc. 5000 includes the Inc. 500, but digs deeper to offer the most comprehensive look ever at the entrepreneurial engine driving the U.S. economy.

The Inc. 5000 profile of Astaro was posted as:

*What it does:* Provides an all-in-one security gateway to companies and public agencies, covering needs ranging from network protection to complicated intrusion protection.

*Why it's growing:* A soaring demand for Unified Threat Management-type products, the combination firewall, intrusion detection and prevention, and virtual private networks (VPN) hardware that is expected to outsell individual firewall and VPN devices by 2008. Astaro's competitive pricing and an aggressive international sales strategy, which relies upon resellers abroad, doesn't hurt, either.

*What's noteworthy:* The company's pricing and international sales strategy have proven so successful that Astaro annually donates back millions of dollars to the industry it serves.

“This is a terrific honor not only for everyone at Astaro, but also for our customers, to be recognized by Inc. magazine for the success we’ve had so far,” said Astaro CEO and co-founder, Jan Hichert. “We couldn’t do it without our people, and we couldn’t do it without our customers. We’ll continue to work harder than ever to keep growing and building superior network security products.”

The Astaro profile, and more information, can be read by visiting:

<http://www.inc.com/inc5000/2007/company-profile.html?id=200707000> . A more in-depth profile of Astaro will be published at IncBizNet, a social network for private companies, when it launches in early October.

### **About Inc. 5000**

Inc. has been celebrating the 500 fastest growing private companies in the United States for more than 25 years. This year, to create an even broader portrait of the most dynamic part of the American economy, Inc. has created the Inc. 5000. As always, the Inc. 500 represents the best of the best, but Inc. decided to dig deeper and expand the list to include the top 5000 companies as measured by sales growth. Making the Inc. 500 -- or now the Inc. 5000 -- distinguishes a company from the rest of the pack. Selected companies are profiled in Inc. magazine or online at [Inc.com](http://www.inc.com).

### **About Astaro**

Astaro Corporation is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. 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 more than 1,000 solution partners who offer local support and services. For more information, please visit [www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com).

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