

## Astaro unveils New Family of Email Security Appliances

Advanced mail security features now available to SMEs.

*Reading, UK (12 August, 2008) – Astaro AG, a leading vendor of security appliances, today announced it is entering the small and mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) market for email security, with the launch of its new Astaro Mail Gateway (AMG) family of integrated email security appliances. The launch is Astaro's answer to increasing demand among SMEs for comprehensive, easy-to-manage email security solutions.*

SMEs have seen their email security requirements increase steadily but because they have fewer IT resources, they need products that offer a full range of security features while also being quick and easy to manage. Astaro Mail Gateway offers powerful functionality to protect against spam, viruses, and phishing, alongside email encryption, Active Directory and eDirectory integration and a web-based user portal, which until now has only been available to larger companies. The unique browser-based management interface is designed for quick and easy administration and makes it possible to automatically generate useful reports with just a few mouse clicks.

"More than 100,000 customers already rely on Astaro for email security within our UTM solutions. Our aim with AMG is to offer the established and award-winning email defenses of our UTM solutions in a dedicated email security appliance. The AMG will pave the way for our partners to enter a market segment with 40 percent growth rates," says Gert Hansen, Chief Software Architect and co-founder of Astaro.

### AMG security features:

- **Spam protection:** In addition to traditional anti-spam technologies, Astaro also integrates patented, reputation-based filtering to enhance detection significantly. Global analysis of the dissemination of spam emails can be used to reliably identify even previously unknown types of spam. This also helps eliminate the problem of individual, personal emails being incorrectly identified as spam.
- **Virus protection:** Two parallel virus scanners block known and unknown malware in SMTP and POP3 emails. The two scanners receive virus pattern updates independently of each other, reducing reaction time in the event of a new outbreak. Phishing attacks are also reliably thwarted.
- **Email encryption:** Encryption techniques based on recognised standards like S/MIME, OpenPGP, and TLS protect the confidentiality of emails. Client software is not needed, as all encryption processes run transparently on the Gateway.
- **Remote Exchange access:** Mobile users can access their Exchange mailbox with their Outlook client from any location via a secure SSL-VPN connection. This means none of the functionality is lost when using web-based access, e.g. via Outlook Web Access. Users can manage their spam box and view the current status of each email via a web-based user portal (in 15 languages) and daily email reports. This significantly reduces the administrator's workload.

The Astaro Mail Gateway will be available as a hardware, software, or virtual appliance from the beginning of September 2008.

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**Images (300dpi)**

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**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 2,500 resellers, Astaro products protect over 35,000 businesses in 60 countries. Astaro, headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at [www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com).

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