

Sage Data Security Announces National Roll-Out of *nDiscovery*SM Internal Security Discovery and Protection Service for Financial Institutions

*nDiscovery*SM analyzes network and user activity on a daily basis and over time to detect trends, uncover suspicious activity, and identify potential security breaches

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME – June 27, 2007 – Sage Data Security, an information security consulting and outsourcing firm, announces that its *nDiscovery*SM service for financial institutions is now available nationally. *nDiscovery*SM uses application, operating system, and device logs to uncover suspicious and potentially dangerous network activity, including internal system misuse, unauthorized access, malicious applications, and security breaches. Banks, credit unions, and other financial firms throughout the Northeast use Sage's *nDiscovery*SM to protect their information assets, and the customized, subscription-based service is now available to any financial institution in North America.

Financial services firms are required to monitor network activity daily, and while most capture event log activity, it is difficult and costly to fulfill the separation-of-duty requirement of using non-network-authorized personnel to evaluate the data. Sage's *nDiscovery*SM service goes beyond real-time event logging to provide an independent, outsourced service from highly trained security experts who review the data on a daily basis as well as over time to uncover suspicious and threatening network and user activity.

Sage works with each client to develop a baseline of customary activity, and then captures information and activity logs from the devices and systems on each client's network, including firewalls, operating system, and web servers. Sage's internally developed methodologies enable specialized teams to quickly and cost-effectively identify suspicious events.. Clients are alerted to significant issues immediately, and receive daily reports that highlight findings and recommend remediation activities. Clients also receive a monthly, consolidated report suited for review by regulators.

*nDiscovery*SM identifies a wide variety of events, including intrusions and data breaches from external hackers, internal issues such as when users are inadvertently provided with access to confidential systems, as well as events caused by the unintended consequences of authorized user activity. Because *nDiscovery*SM works with customers to develop a baseline of normal network activity, and monitors events over time, Sage analysts can quickly identify the "red flags" that can impact a financial institution's performance.

"The volume of dangerous activity we unearth each day with *nDiscovery*SM is frightening, even on good networks run by smart people using sound policies and procedures," says Sari Greene, president of Sage Data Security. "Every network has vulnerabilities, and our team uses a combination of tools and professional expertise to understand what a financial institution's network activity should look like, and to discover the numerous

issues that occur outside of that norm. This service provides the eyes on the network that financial institutions need.”

About Sage Data Security

Sage Data Security is an independent security firm located in South Portland, Maine that develops comprehensive information security programs to protect information assets and secure financial strength. Founded in 2002, Sage has become a strategic security partner for financial institutions, healthcare providers, and government agencies nationwide. The company creates and sustains environments that realistically and cost-effectively protect information assets while maintaining a balance of productivity and operational effectiveness. For more information, call 207.879.SAGE or visit

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