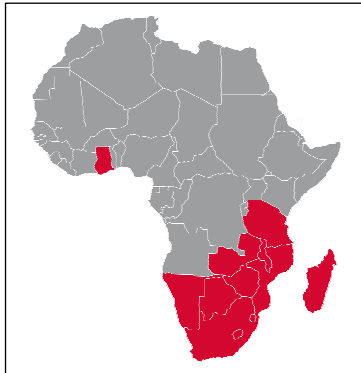


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gateProtect announces significant expansion in Africa

gateProtect is dramatically increasing its presence in the African market. The German-based IT security specialist, which was mainly focused on the western part of the continent, has now signed a distribution agreement with AfricaSD. This value-added distributor (VAD) is headquartered in Pretoria, South Africa, and serves the entire southern African region.

Hamburg, Germany. September 19, 2011 – With the appointment of AfricaSD, gateProtect has extended its partner network (<http://www.gateprotect.com/en-GB/partners/findpartner.html>)



by adding a growing company with a strong market position. AfricaSD has subsidiaries in Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban as well as in Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Angola and Tanzania, reflecting increasing local demand for IT security solutions. The distribution agreement between the two firms covers the entire southern African region, including Botswana, Ghana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Swaziland. To help

AfricaSD meet the strong demand in these areas, gateProtect will support the VAD with joint customer visits and roadshows as well as with mailings, promotional activities, training courses and certifications.

AfricaSD and gateProtect set to expand

“When companies and public authorities decide to select a firewall, there are several things they need to take into account that can make all the difference in how well their IT environment is protected,” explains Hennie Moolman, Managing Director of AfricaSD. “There are several reasons why gateProtect’s innovative firewall solutions convinced us that they were the best – the main one being the easy-to-use eGUI technology. It really sets the standard for the configuration of security systems and increases security and efficiency to unmatched levels. Another thing that’s really important for us is that it’s easy to regulate the bandwidth used. Without this feature, the infrastructure in a lot of places could quickly be pushed to its limits.”

Dennis Monner, CEO of gateProtect, adds: “The demand for our intuitive eGUI technology is huge in the region, as we have learned from our meetings there. Alongside ease of use, the technical requirements of companies in southern Africa include capabilities for bandwidth regulation and blocking data traffic. An example of why this is important is video streaming in

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schools, which could easily paralyze the infrastructure. Internet connections in this region are not yet at the same levels as in western Europe. To meet the growing demand on a local level, we've decided to work with the distributor AfricaSD as it has an excellent position in this market and an outstanding reputation.”

More information at <http://www.gateprotect.com> and <http://www.phronesis.de>

About AfricaSD

AfricaSD is a leading Network Solution Distributor within the Sub-Sahara Africa region. It offers its partners market leading network solution products that are relevant and current to the ever fast growing ICT environment, enabling them to grow their business. The company achieves this by supporting resellers with great margins, strategic marketing, training and a range of hosted and value-added professional services. Its range of products spans antispam, antivirus, firewall, VPN and UTM products as well as hosted network solutions. AfricaSD represents several vendors including AVG, BitDefender, Checkpoint, gateProtect, GFI, GFI MAX, Hosted Solutions, Lumension, SecurEnvoy and Vipre. More information: <http://www.africasd.com/>.

About gateProtect

gateProtect Germany is a leading provider of IT security solutions in the area of network protection. Its primary products are next-generation firewalls, managed security and VPN client systems.

Differentiators

Alongside their technical highlights, gateProtect products stand out from their competitors with their unique ease of use. gateProtect is a leading provider of next generation firewalls with an end-to-end implementation of the ISO NORM 9241 guidelines relating to ergonomic product design. With its innovative and patented eGUI® (ergonomic Graphic User Interface) technology and its Command Center, gateProtect again raises the bar for easier configuration and management of firewall systems for Managed Security Service Providers (MSSPs). The eGUI® technology enables a significant increase in enterprise security as well as higher efficiency levels for ongoing system maintenance. This delivers lower operating costs for customers.

Customers

gateProtect currently has 40,000 installations around the world. The company's customers in Europe include well-known companies and institutions such as TÜV Thüringen, E.ON Energy, Mercedes Benz, Galileo Satellite Systems, Deutsche Bahn, Kneipp, Constantin Film, and the Technical University of Dresden.

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