

@rchive-it.com and Asita Technologies Form Partnership to Deliver World's First Forensic Email Archival and Message Assurance Solution

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Nettlebed, UK - 25th March 2002 - @rchive-it.com, a pioneer in forensic message-archiving solutions, and Asita Technologies, a global provider of integrated high-speed security platforms, today announced a partnership to offer a landmark integrated message archival solution to service providers and enterprises. This technology partnership combines the Asita LineSpeed product line – which provides the highest level of security and network device integration – with the flexibility of @rchive-it.com's MailStore and/or Biz@rchive software. Asita will make the unified products available through its global channel.

The combined products offer a completely integrated and highly secure hardware and software platform. The solution is ideally suited to the archiving needs of organisations seeking compliance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIP) Act in the UK, or the Anti-Terrorist Act in the US. Other organisations can also benefit from the ability to securely archive and easily retrieve electronic documents and email.

"Until now email archiving has posed many problems for administrators," commented Peter Winder, CEO of @rchive-it.com. "Many organisations with no formalised email policy have stored email in an ad-hoc manner that has resulted in important and often legally binding emails going astray. In addition, the costs incurred by companies in providing the disclosure of electronic communication when defending themselves in court is increasing exponentially. By providing organisations with a policy based, audited email archiving system, MailStore will streamline the entire process, saving companies time and money."

"Rapid return on investment, flexibility and centralised management are the vital ingredients of any integrated message assurance platform," said Wayne Channon, CEO at Asita. "The combined Asita-@rchive-it.com solution has all three. By integrating LineSpeed appliances with MailStore software, we have created a solution for service providers and corporate networks that has the highest levels of security, and is also easy to configure and manage from a central location."

Asita LineSpeed products offer high-speed virtual private network (VPN), firewall, policy management and load balancing facilities, with 3rd party application hosting and management, all via a single integrated

network device. The LineSpeed family exploits optimised hardware-based networking to deliver high performance, while ensuring maximum security through application of the toughest international standard security mechanisms. When combined with @rchive-it.com's specialist software, the result is a cost-effective solution for securely archiving email or application messages, particularly within the Microsoft.NET architecture.

@rchive-it.com's Biz@rchive provides secure, reliable long-term archival and easy retrieval of electronic business documents for Microsoft's BizTalk Server 2000 platform. With the rapid expansion of Business-to-Business e-commerce, the quantity of electronic business documents is undergoing exponential growth. Microsoft created BizTalk Server 2000 to allow companies to streamline the management of such documents, and to overcome the interoperability problems created when companies interact using diverse e-commerce systems. Biz@rchive manages the archival of all BizTalk documents to meet regulatory, legal and business requirements.

Similarly @rchive-it.com's MailStore – a policy-based, automatic email archiving system – allows easy and rapid retrieval of 'sent' and 'received' emails on the Microsoft Exchange Platform. MailStore enables organisations to manage their email communication more effectively than ever before through the entire lifecycle of a message from creation through to deletion, including attachments, complete with a detailed audit trail.

About Asita Technologies

Asita Technologies, a technology leader in information security for the Internet, provides a family of integrated appliances that combines the fastest IPSec-VPN, firewalling, policy management, 3rd party security application hosting, and networking delivered over a single revolutionary platform, the Asita Security Operating System (Asita SOS™). Asita's products are designed for service providers and large enterprise customers who seek best-of-breed security, highest speed, top performance, and true freedom and flexibility in their networks. Asita's team includes world-renowned engineers and passionate employees who are committed to innovation, excellence, and fanatical customer care. Asita's main offices are in Irvine, California, and Horley, UK.

About @rchive-it.com

Founded in 1999, @rchive-it.com is the trading name of Rchive-it.com Ltd, a privately held company that

develops and markets electronic message and transaction products for the SME and corporate marketplace. Based in Oxfordshire, UK, the company's investors include London-listed City of London Group Plc (CIN.L).

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