PING IDENTITY CERTIFIES DATAPOWER'S SAML-BASED FEDERATED IDENTITY IMPLEMENTATION

XS40 XML Security Gateway First of Its Kind to Successfully Pass Important SAML Conformance Testing and Extends Its Leadership in Third Party Security Validation for Security, Interoperability and Performance

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--January 12th, 2005-- DataPower®, DataPower, the original creator and leading provider of intelligent XML-Aware Network (XAN) infrastructure, today announced that its most widely deployed DataPower XS40 XML Security Gateway™ successfully passed Ping Identity's industry-leading Conformance and Security Testing Service for SAML 1.1. DataPower's XS40 is the first XML security gateway to perform Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) conformance testing by Ping Identity and joins leading Identity Management vendors Netegrity, Oblix and RSA Security in response to marketplace and analyst demand for security and conformance testing services for SAML.(See Associated News Release: "Ping Identity Delivers Federated Identity Conformance Service for SAML 1.1 in Collaboration with Industry's Leading Identity Management Vendors")

"Ping Identity's mission is to simplify the deployment of federated identity," stated Andre Durand, CEO of Ping Identity Corporation. He added, "Accordingly, our work with industry-leaders like DataPower around SAML conformance testing provides the enterprise customer with powerful assurances in their purchasing decisions."

Ping Identity's Conformance and Security Testing Service for SAML 1.1 is a required pre-cursor to validating true interoperability of vendor products and is another example of DataPower's leadership for seeking valid and verifiable 3rd party results for security, interoperability, compliance and performance claims for DataPower's XML-aware networking devices. In this case, Ping Identity successfully tested and certified DataPower for a baseline level of SAML 1.1 functionality that were created in response to analyst and marketplace demand for assurances of consistent product conformance to the Security Assertion Markup Language ("SAML") version 1.1 specification. For more on Ping Identity's conformance testing, see SAML Conformance Testing for Vendors."

The XS40 XML Security Gateway is purpose-built by some of the world's top XML and security experts to secure XML Web Services transactions and designed to help enterprises overcome the two critical barriers for deploying XML Web services: security risks and performance bottlenecks. The XS40 is a true network hardware device that serves as a secure XML Web services proxy and access policy enforcement point in front of the application servers. As the creators of the XML-aware networking category, today's news is another in a long line of "firsts" for DataPower including the first company to launch a product in the category now known as "wirespeed XML/Web service security gateways"; the first Web services security vendor to undergo Common Criteria EAL4 Assurance level evaluation; the only XML Web services security gateway vendor to team with OASIS & the U.S. General Service Administration E-Gov E-

Authentication Initiative to demonstrate interoperability of SAML; first to demonstrate real-world deployments of hardware-based federated ID enforcement using WS-Security and SAML; the first XML-aware networking company selected two years running as a finalist for the prestigious Well-connected award; and the first XML Web services security product to demonstrate full compliance with HTTP.

For more information about Ping Identity's Conformance and Security Service for SAML1.1, contact sales@pingidentity.com, call 303.468.2900, or visit www.pingidentity.com

About DataPower
DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3™) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit www.datapower.com

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