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GuardianEdge Reacts to Massive Increase from Data Threats

The reported increase in data thefts has prompted greater interest from enterprises for GuardianEdge Encryption solutions. Subsequently, GuardianEdge Technologies, a market leader in reducing the cost and complexity of enterprise data security, and distributed exclusively into the UK channel by Avanquest, is pleased to announce a dramatic increase in demand for its Windows hard disk encryption product.

In the last year, enterprise purchases of GuardianEdge's hard disk encryption software have doubled and now nearly 600,000 enterprise laptop and desktop computers actively use GuardianEdge's Encryption Plus Hard Disk program to improve network security and protect confidential and sensitive data.

Chris Thompson, Managing Director at Avanquest comments, "The upsurge in demand is driven largely by the growth of identify theft and the need for consumer privacy, due in part to the lack of encryption of sensitive customer data." He goes onto say, "This is a good opportunity for Resellers to choose a best of breed solution in an area where their customers will definitely have an urgent wake up call very soon."

Encryption Plus Hard Disk protects 100% of a computer's hard drive, including all unused space, providing access control to the Windows operating system, all applications running on the computer and all data files. As a result, Encryption Plus Hard Disk protects against theft of and unauthorised access to data files and network systems, and if installed properly the program eliminates the need to securely delete data on hard drives before the drives are disposed of or retired from service.

About Avanquest Software:

Avanquest Software is a global developer and leading publisher of best-selling personal and professional software designed for utilities, office productivity, communications and mobility worldwide. Headquartered in France, with operating units, subsidiaries and offices located in United States, France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, China and Korea, Avanquest Software products are marketed in over 100 countries, through e-commerce, OEM partnerships and IT resellers. Founded in 1984 as BVRP Software and listed since December 1996 on Euronext (ISIN FR0004026714), Avanquest Software forms part of the Eurolist, NextEconomy segment and SBF 250 index. In 2004, Avanquest Software posted record financial results, with revenue of €57.0M (\$72.0M), operating income of €6.9M (\$8.7M) and a net income of €5.3M (\$6.7M). Additional information on Avanquest Software is available at <http://www.avanquest.com>

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