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GeoTrust Joins the Anti-Phishing Working Group Steering Committee to Help Combat Online Fraud

NEEDHAM, Mass.—February 28, 2006—GeoTrust, Inc., the leader in identity verification, credentialing and validation solutions, today announced that the company has joined the Anti-Phishing Working Group's steering committee. The Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) is an industry association of over 2,250 members focused on eliminating the identity theft and fraud that result from the growing problem of phishing and email spoofing. GeoTrust, a sponsoring member of the APWG since 2004, will be joining nearly a dozen other global firms on the APWG Steering Committee, a governance body that determines the strategic direction of the organization.

Phishing occurs when consumers are lured to fraudulent sites by following links in emails they think are from legitimate companies. Gartner, a leading market research firm, estimates that over 73 million U.S. adults believe they have received phishing emails, and that 2.4 million online consumers reported losing money directly because of phishing attacks. In its January 2006 report, the APWG estimated there were more than 4,600 unique phishing sites reported in November 2005, a considerable increase from the prior month.

“GeoTrust has been a very active member in the APWG, almost from its inception,” said Peter Cassidy, secretary general of the Anti-Phishing Working Group. “They have contributed resources to host our public site and, as well, they provide a good deal of insight and expertise that they have developed as a provider of online security solutions. We look forward to continuing to work closely with them as our organization's work expands.”

GeoTrust is the second largest certificate authority (CA) in the world and one of a few “trusted third parties” that issue publicly recognized certificates for e-business transactions. GeoTrust verifies the identities of people, businesses, applications and devices, and then issues publicly recognized digital credentials, including digital certificates and smart cards, to enable trusted business transactions. Products include SSL certificates for secure e-commerce transactions, client certificates that issue digital identities to employees, business partners and other internal and external clients and communications, identity verification and credentialing services for employees and customers, digital signing services (for documents and code) and TrustWatch, a free toolbar that helps consumers recognize whether a website has been verified and is safe for the exchange of confidential information. GeoTrust secures more than 30% of the world's online credit card transactions.

“GeoTrust is pleased to join the Anti-Phishing Working Group’s Steering Committee, because we believe strongly in the value of this organization,” said Chris Bailey, GeoTrust’s chief technology officer. “It’s rare to see over two thousand members join a group like this in such a short period. It’s a credit to the organization, but also signifies that online fraud is a serious problem that threatens to undermine the digital economy.”

About The Anti-Phishing Working Group

The Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) is an industry association focused on eliminating the identity theft and fraud that result from the growing problem of phishing and email spoofing. The organization provides a forum to discuss phishing issues, define the scope of the phishing problem in terms of hard and soft costs, and share information and best practices for eliminating the problem. Where appropriate, the APWG will also look to share this information with law enforcement. Membership is open to qualified financial institutions, online retailers, ISPs, the law enforcement community and solutions providers. There are more than 1,400 companies and government agencies participating in the APWG and more than 2,250 members. For more information, please visit www.antiphishing.org.

About GeoTrust, Inc.

GeoTrust is the leader in identity verification, credentialing and validation solutions, and the fastest growing Certificate Authority, according to market research firm Netcraft. Its products include web security services for secure e-commerce transactions, identity verification for consumers, managed security services for enterprises, digital signing for documents and computer code, and TrustWatch (www.TrustWatch.com), an anti-phishing service platform available for enterprise use along with integration offerings for hardware and application providers, TrustWatch is also a free consumer toolbar and search site that helps consumers recognize whether a site has been verified and is safe for the exchange of confidential information. With more than 100,000 companies worldwide using its technology for online security, GeoTrust has rapidly become the second largest digital certificate provider in the world. The company recently acquired TC TrustCenter, a leading German Certificate Authority and provider of advanced enterprise security and smart card solutions. Visit www.geotrust.com for more information.

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