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**TippingPoint Integrates With Microsoft Forefront Code-Named “Stirling”**

*TippingPoint IPS Provides a First Line of Assessment, Speeding Security Resolution at the Endpoint*

AUSTIN, TX – April 16, 2009 – [TippingPoint](#), a leader in intrusion prevention, today announced that it has collaborated with Microsoft to integrate protection assessment capabilities with Microsoft Forefront code-named “Stirling.”

Currently in public beta testing, Forefront “Stirling” is an integrated security suite that delivers comprehensive protection across endpoint, application servers and edge solutions with a central management console for easy administration and enterprise-wide multi product visibility. Forefront “Stirling” enables software, hardware, and services vendors to share and use security event information across the “Stirling” environment and the broader partner ecosystem. As a result, partners can enhance the effectiveness of their security technologies and better protect customer IT environments.

The [TippingPoint® Intrusion Prevention System \(IPS\)](#) is designed to sit in-line with the network to instantly block security threats. It’s this unique feature that makes it a first line of identification and assessment for Forefront “Stirling.”

“Regardless of the security systems in place to block exploits from harming the network, it is always better to identify the cause of a breach or source of a virus before it happens,” said Brian Smith, chief technology officer with TippingPoint. “By working with Forefront “Stirling” to identify threats before they reach the target, organizations can

begin the remediation process much earlier without administrative access to the targeted system.”

The TippingPoint IPS identifies and blocks viruses or malware from accessing the network, then sends an assessment of the threat to Forefront “Stirling.” The “Stirling” system can then instruct the TippingPoint IPS to separate the infected device from the rest of the network. As an inline device, the TippingPoint IPS can control all facets of the infected devices network communications.

“Microsoft is excited to work with TippingPoint to develop interoperability between Forefront “Stirling” and the TippingPoint IPS, in order to give our customers more comprehensive and responsive security across the enterprise,” said John Chirapurath, director in the identity and security business group at Microsoft. “Microsoft is committed to collaborating with top industry vendors and providing solutions that help organizations more effectively achieve their business goals. We call this ‘business-ready security.’”

### **About TippingPoint**

[TippingPoint](#) is a leading global provider of comprehensive network security solutions that address the security and regulatory compliance needs of complex network environments for enterprises, government agencies, service providers and academic institutions. With the TippingPoint IPS-Secured Network, which includes the TippingPoint® Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) and Network Access Control (NAC) solution, network infrastructure, applications, and critical data are protected from malicious cyber attacks. TippingPoint’s 360° approach to network security enables enterprises to enforce security policies across all users, devices, traffic flows and content; while preserving existing infrastructure and ensuring business continuity to help lower total cost of ownership. TippingPoint’s security intelligence is powered by DV Labs, TippingPoint’s premier team of expert internal researchers for vulnerability analysis and discovery. DV Labs is supplemented by over 900 external Zero Day Initiative researchers. For more information, please visit [www.tippingpoint.com](http://www.tippingpoint.com), or the press center at <http://www.tippingpoint.com/press>.

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