Ergon receives the EICAR Minimum Standard Certificate

Airlock Suite is the first certified IT security product outside the antivirus industry

Zürich, 26 February 2016 – Ergon Informatik AG, the Zürich-based developer of custom software solutions and software products, has been awarded the EICAR Minimum Standard Certificate for its IT security solution 'Airlock Suite'.

With Airlock Suite, Ergon has become the first vendor without an anti-malware product in its portfolio to receive the EICAR Minimum Standard Certificate. The certificate was originally intended for manufacturers of anti-malware products, and it was going to include manufacturers of other network security products (e.g. routers, firewalls, intrusion detection systems) at a later date.

The EICAR Minimum Standard corresponds to a minimum requirement for IT security solutions. This requirement comprises:

– compliance with data protection regulations
– transparency with respect to the flow of data between the products and the vendor
– assurance that the products have not been manipulated

The Ergon product fulfils all of these criteria.

The Airlock Suite is a comprehensive solution for highly secure web access management. Many financial institutions use this Swiss solution without backdoors in order to protect their web applications, data and identities centrally.

"For us as a security software vendor, data protection, transparency, and security against manipulation are top priorities. Therefore, it is a great honour to receive this certification from EICAR for our products. An important advantage of the Airlock Suite has thereby been confirmed by an independent authority and brought to our customers' attention," Roman Hugelshofer, Managing Director at Airlock, explains.

EICAR, the European Expert Group for IT Security, awards the EICAR Minimum Standard in order to help improve the trustworthiness of IT security products. Various incidents related to mass surveillance and hidden access to manipulated products (third party access) have caused a loss of confidence in many security products. EICAR's declared goal is to foster awareness and to ensure that the software industry acts according to well-defined standards.

"For us, the certification of Ergon's Airlock Suite is a challenge and an incentive at the same time. It confirms the need for action in this area and that developing our minimum standard is a step in the right direction. We award the EICAR Minimum Standard to manufacturers whose products are protected against third-party access. We are delighted to take the next step together with Ergon and that we have been able to certify the Airlock Suite as the first product that's not anti-malware," Rainer Fahs, CEO of EICAR, explains.

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About Ergon

Ergon Informatik AG, established in 1984, is a leading provider of customised software solutions and software products. The basis for success: 235 highly qualified IT specialists, whose excellent know-how enables them to anticipate new technological trends and to devise innovate solutions that ensure a competitive advantage. Ergon primarily implements large projects in the B2B field.

The Airlock Suite combines filtering and authentication in a fully coordinated comprehensive solution, and sets new benchmarks in terms of usability and services. The Airlock security product has been on the market since 2002, and is currently in use by over 300 customers worldwide. Further information can be found at **www.airlock.com**.

About EICAR

EICAR was founded as a registered association in Germany in 1991. Its initial aim was to bring together know-how in the field of anti-virus research, and it has since developed into a recognised network of experts in the field of IT security. The institute regards itself as a platform for the exchange of information for all security experts active in the fields of research and development, implementation and management. The intention is to promote global collaboration in the field of computer security. The institute's aim is to develop solutions and preventative measures against all types of computer crime, such as the writing and distribution of computer viruses, fraud, and espionage of personal data. In order to achieve this, the institute works very closely with companies, political organisations and academic institutions, as well as media, technology and legal experts.