AccessData Partners with Contego Solutions to Fortify Digital Forensics Capabilities of Middle East Enterprises

Contego Solutions will deploy AccessData's market leading technologies in digital investigations laboratories for cyber-crime prevention and enterprise-class remediation capabilities

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates / Singapore – 12 September, 2013 – AccessData, through distribution partner ARM, has signed a partnership agreement in the Middle East with Contego Solutions, an Incident Response and Digital Forensics specialist firm. The partnership will enable Contego Solutions to incorporate AccessData's market leading technology, including its Cyber Intelligence & Response Technology (CIRT), Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®), AD Lab and Mobile Phone Examiner Plus™ (MPE+™) solutions, in the design and deployment of digital forensics laboratories of regional enterprises.

With the frequency of cyber attacks in the region rapidly increasing, such laboratories are now becoming critical, especially for legal and law enforcement agencies and enterprises in the financial, airlines and telecom sectors, where data security is of utmost importance. "Being prepared to respond to cyber attacks should be part of every organization's information security strategy. Given the scale and sophistication of cyber crime in the region, enterprises simply cannot afford not to protect themselves. Our solutions give organizations the ability to investigate security incidents and respond to cyber attacks, which ultimately helps limit financial loss and data theft," said Simon Whitburn, Senior Vice President and General Manager at AccessData.

Contego Solutions will offer AccessData's entire products portfolio including the standalone FTK and MPE+ for small to medium size labs and 'AcessData Lab' for large labs handling massive data sets, utilizing a distributed workforce, or looking to collaborate with attorneys, HR personnel or other non-forensic parties. Contego will also focus on the revolutionary and award winning AccessData CIRT platform with end point investigation and remediation capabilities.

Timm Lemcke, Managing Director for Contego Solutions says, "Our expertise lies in designing full turnkey digital forensics laboratories for clients. The AccessData product range, especially the CIRT platform, greatly strengthens our portfolio and forms an invaluable piece of the solution set that we offer."

CIRT integrates network forensics, host forensics, malware analysis and large-scale data auditing,

giving organizations visibility into all their critical information while providing enterprise-class remediation capabilities. The solution's intuitive controls are based on technologies that IT professionals are familiar with. The feature packed platform will give regional organizations the ability to search and identify key digital forensic evidence leading to more secure IT configurations and better data protection.

As an added benefit to customers, AccessData's distribution partner ARM will make demo equipment available for Proof of Concepts (POCs) at client sites. Vivian Gevers, Managing Director, ARM says, "Arranging POCs is an excellent proposition for clients, especially when dealing with advanced solutions like digital forensics. Clients want to verify that any solution they purchase will function in a stable manner once installed and integrate well with the existing IT environment. This is only possible when the solution is readily available to be implemented at their premise for a certain timeframe. If these POCs work as per the client requirements, then there is a high probability that the client will invest in the solution."

As per the agreement, AccessData and ARM will extend its support to Contego for the fulfilment of client SLAs when required. The company has also provided trainings and certifications to Contego's highly skilled digital forensics team that is soon to have two AccessData Certified Examiner (ACE) certified specialists.

"Our partnership with AccessData and ARM is a perfect fit. They are leaders in the market which is why their solutions are something of an industry standard. Our staff has extensive experience in law enforcement and enterprise consulting and some of our technical team members are already very familiar with AccessData, having worked with the technology in the past. This expertise will translate into comprehensive implementations that will help our clients realize the full value of their IT security investments," concludes Mr. Lemcke.

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About AccessData

AccessData Group has pioneered digital investigations and litigation support for more than 25 years and is the maker of FTK®, MPE+, SilentRunner, Summation and the CIRT security framework. Over that time, the company has grown to provide a family of stand-alone and enterprise-class solutions that enable digital investigations of any kind, including computer forensics, mobile forensics, incident response, e-discovery, legal review and information assurance. 130,000 users in law enforcement, government agencies, corporations and law firms around the world rely on AccessData software solutions and its premier digital investigations and hosted review services. AccessData Group is also a leading provider of digital forensics and litigation support training and certification. http://accessdata.com

About ARM

ARM is a focused software publishing and distribution business, which specializes in taking key brands to market, encompassing marketing, publishing, distribution and strategic planning. It is one of the leading distributors of Digital Forensics and other consumer-related IT software products, with a range that boasts a diversity of product categories. ARM has focused on distribution and has covered major and mid-reseller outlets across Middle East and Africa. In addition, the company is a specialist volume licensing distributor and OEM partner for numerous vendors, creating bespoke software and accessory bundling for value added promotions across the retail and business-to-business landscape. More information can be found at www.arm.ae

About Contego Solutions

Contego Solutions™, specializes in high technology fields of Digital Forensics, Data Centre Installation, Professional Services, and System Integration. Its clients include both government and private sectors in the Middle East/Africa, (MEA), and Asia Pacific, (APAC), regions. The management team has over four decades of experience in digital forensics and high-tech security solutions. All of the company's consultants undergo stringent background and security checks and many team leaders hold high level government security clearance. The digital forensics, eDiscovery & security markets in the company's target regions are already benefiting from the expert project management and high level consultancy services that its offers. For more information please log onto http://www.contego-solutions.com/

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