



## Unmanaged Client Software Compromises Endpoint Security, Warns Promisec

**New York, NY – April 26, 2010:** The market growth and increased reliance on security agents recently reported by Infonetics (“[Security client software market up in a down year](#)”) raises a red flag for organizations, warns clientless endpoint management software vendor, Promisec. The company cited its own [study](#) of approximately 100,000 endpoints over 25 organizations, showing that organizations suffer from 10% to 30% of security breaches or non-compliance on endpoints in the networks. The top issues found by Promisec were all related to poor management of agents including missing Microsoft updates, antivirus protection deficiencies, missing host-intrusion prevention systems (HIPS), missing or misconfigured encryption agents, and application delivery agents.

“Agent-based security solutions are absolutely essential for protecting endpoints in what Infonetics calls an ‘incredibly hostile threat environment,’” stated Roni Suchowski, CTO of Promisec. “The question is one of management – how do organizations ensure they have consistently deployed and maintained all of those agents?”

Promisec’s own study, in which no organization showed a clean bill of health, found more than 20% of endpoints were unmanaged – suffering from missing or misconfigured security clients.

“Simple actions, such as changing configuration settings, can prevent users from having full protection. A user might see the computer is running slowly and shut down a few processes, including patch management or antivirus. None of this is malicious, but it creates security holes,” adds Suchowski. “Our studies consistently show that organizations cannot cover 100% of the endpoints without an independent, clientless umbrella to manage the agents.”

Promisec asserts that only a clientless solution can provide 100% visibility into endpoints, as well as automated and manual remediation of security holes.

### **About Promisec**

Promisec, Inc. delivers Clientless Endpoint Management (CEM) software solutions that eliminate threats and optimize corporate internal networks with unprecedented visibility and control over the endpoints. Promisec’s patented technology allows IT managers to identify and resolve security, compliance and policy issues in a matter of minutes, without making any changes to the network or endpoints.

Founded in 2004 by former military intelligence experts, Promisec’s management team brings broad high-level executive experience in the network security industry.

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