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ABU DHABI TO HOST WORLD'S LEADING EXPERTS AT CYBER SECURITY FORUM

A spokesperson for aeCERT, the Lead Sponsor, commented "This Forum addresses the protection for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems and the overall IT protection of our energy and utility infrastructure. The SCADA system, as we are all aware, was created for efficiency in business and operations. While hackers are a constant threat, we are all part of the problem if we do not take the appropriate precautionary measures and in turn the same immediate reactionary measures when an attack is evident. Preventing the attack is one large part of the comprehensive security equation, but quick reaction, seamless management, and immediate response is also a key element to safeguard our systems."

Hervé Guillou, CEO of Cassidian Cyber Security also stated: "The first step to secure vulnerable infrastructure is to raise the awareness of decision makers for cyber threats. Thus, we are very proud to contribute to this 1st International Cyber Security Forum for Energy and Utilities - not only as a sponsor, but as well with the active support of Cassidian Cyber Security experts to the program and our booth at the exhibition. There we show our product solutions and services to cyber defend networks and IT/SCADA systems in real time, to secure the access to a company's infrastructure and its mobility such as e-mail, voice calls and applications. This proves our full commitment and capabilities to support our customers in the region."

"Cyber security threats against the energy sector are increasing in both sophistication and impact. The days of hacking by teenagers are over – worms like Stuxnet and Duqu show us that today's hackers are highly paid professional teams that target specific sectors and countries for profit or political advantage. If the energy industry, wants to remain safe, secure and reliable, it will have to meet these threats with the best technology and expertise available. The 1st International Forum on Cyber Security for Energy and Utilities is the premier event for gaining important knowledge in this area" added Eric Byres, CTO of Tofino Security, one of the world's premier experts in ICS security.

Internationally renowned Security thought-leader Prof. Paul Dorey of CSO Confidential also added: "I think we have all been to enough events where we talk about the security problem. What delights me about the program for the Cyber Security Forum is that we have people talking about practical solutions that are actually working. I am honored to be associated with the event and also be part of the related workshop aimed at technical professionals in Industrial Control, IT and cyber-security."

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Note to Editors:

Complete details of next month's 1st International Forum on Cyber Security for Energy and Utilities (MAY 21-24) are available at www.csuae.org

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