

Scanit partners with Ascendsys to offer end to end security services

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Kuala Lumpur, 19 September, 2007 – Scanit ME FZ LLC, a Dubai-based IT security consulting company, has entered into a strategic partnership with leading Managed Security Services provider Ascendsys Sdn Bhd to jointly tap the Malaysia, Indonesia and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) markets.

The tie-up between Scanit and Ascendsys, which was announced at the recently concluded HITBSecConf 2007, is aimed at addressing the lack of best practices and industry standards for security management especially in markets where there is currently a strong demand for end-to-end security consultancy services.

“This is a win-win partnership which completes both Scanit and Ascendsys’ portfolio of security offerings, while maintaining the quality by which we have both grown in the market,” said Scanit chief executive officer, David Michaux.

“The Managed Security Services which Ascendsys has developed combine a best of breed approach, offering a level of service that is in high demand. I’m confident that our companies now the breadth and depth of security solutions to offer to customers in Malaysia, Indonesia and GCC states,” added Michaux.

The partnership announcement is timely given that Scanit will be setting up operations Kuala Lumpur by year end. MSC Malaysia-status Ascendsys meanwhile has recently opened an office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Ascendsys is also in the process of building a full-fledged Security Operations Centre that will provide security monitoring services. These services will be complemented by Scanit’s independent security audit and consulting services.

“A global standard of security consultancy is still missing in our markets. Hence, we need to continue the education of our clients with regards to best practice and industry standards,” said Ascendsys’ chairman Mohd Noor Amin Mohd Noor Khan.

“Ascendsys’ strategy is to partner with organizations that provide significant value-add to our existing offerings. The tie-up with Scanit brings to the customer a complete portfolio of services ranging from trainings that promote security awareness to complete security management,” added Mohd Noor Amin.

Scanit’s recruitment drive exceeds expectations In a related announcement, Scanit confirmed that its recent recruitment drive at HITBSecConf2007 was a success -- with six candidates recruited on the spot for the company’s local office which will be established by year end. The Scanit office in Kuala Lumpur will provide security consulting services as well as operate as a research & development centre as part of the company’s global operations.

Apart from fulfilling Scanit’s recruitment objectives, the two-day recruitment drive also attracted more than 130 candidates for Scanit’s Middle East-based clients who are looking to tap on the skills of Malaysian IT security professionals.

“Scanit’s recruitment drive in Malaysia has been very successful and certainly exceeded our expectations. The new recruits will help ensure that our customers continue to receive the highest level of security consultancy services in Malaysia and the GCC states,” said Michaux.

“With our commitment to global expansion, Scanit is constantly looking at new ways of attracting talent with hands-on IT security experience. Our HR portal provides an opportunity for us to communicate in a very honest and open way the culture and values of our business, while at the same time differentiating us from other security consultancies,” he added, noting that the Scanit HR portal is accessible at <https://hr.scanit.net/>.