
GFI to Continue Supporting MITA on Email Security

Blata I-Bajda, Malta – [07/04/2009]: The Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) has recently signed a three-year renewal agreement for maintenance and support services on e-mail protection products with GFI Software Ltd.

This agreement will continue to provide the highest level of support to MITA's email protection software, and is part of MITA's continuing efforts to ensure the highest level of security against malware and spam on the email services provided to over 20,000 Government users.

A thorough awareness of the security challenges which regularly arise in the email service provision sector coupled with the fact that MITA hosts the entire Government's email environment, were priority factors when, in 2005, MITA originally chose GFI as its supplier for email protection software. The high performance of this software, comprising anti-virus and anti-spam capabilities was a determining factor in the decision to continue using GFI's software and support as a first line of defence in email security. In addition, GFI's wide experience and capability to deploy on-going support to MITA was also considered an essential element in renewing this agreement.

Claudio Grech, Chairman of MITA, said that "security of our email environment is a critical requisite to provide the levels of service expected from MITA on this application. MITA is the largest enterprise provider of email services in Malta and hence we are bound to adopt only best-of-breed products, such as GFI's, in our technology stack. The fact that GFI is an international player operating from Malta adds even more value to our decision to extend this agreement."

These considerations reflect MITA's zero tolerance towards ICT security risks, a policy approach which is entrenched at the core of the Agency's strategy and which is driven through a prudent risk management posture to the information assets which have been mandated under its custodianship.

"We are very pleased to extend our agreement with the Ministry to ensure that MITA's email security requirements continue to be addressed using our software," said GFI Software CEO, Walter Scott. "As a prime industry player and leading email security software provider, we are committed to helping organizations to secure their networks and minimize risk as much as possible."

MITA is the prime Government agency with a mandate spanning from ICT policy to programmes and initiatives in Malta. MITA manages full implementation of IT programmes in Government focusing on enhancing public service delivery and provides the infrastructure needed for the provision of ICT services to Government. MITA is also responsible for the propagation of ICT within society and the economy and to promote and deliver programmes with the intention of enhancing ICT education and the use of ICT as a learning tool.

