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INDUSTRIAL DEFENDER ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH INGUARDIANS

***-- Leader in Information Technology and Automated Metering Infrastructure Cyber Security
Expertise Partners with Industrial Defender to Secure the Smart Grid --***

FOXBOROUGH, Mass., May 4, 2009 – Industrial Defender, Inc., the global leader in Cyber Risk Protection™, today announced it has formed a partnership with InGuardians Inc., a leading cyber security consultancy practice, to offer industry-leading cyber security vulnerability assessment services for the Smart Grid. Under terms of the agreement, Industrial Defender and InGuardians will partner to assess and secure Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for Smart Grid environments in a vendor agnostic fashion.

The intelligent electric power grid or Smart Grid will use automated metering technology, IP and wireless connectivity with two-way communications to improve the reliability, availability and energy efficiency of the electric power grid. The federal government is providing \$4.5 billion in stimulus funding to support the development of Smart Grid technology, and North American electric utility providers are installing millions of automated readers on homes and businesses across the United States and Canada.

Industrial Defender and InGuardians are partnering with electric utilities, Smart Grid vendors and industry standards bodies including the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Security Task Force (AMI-SEC) to help create a comprehensive cyber security strategy to address Smart Grid cyber security risks and vulnerabilities.

“Industrial Defender is a trusted advisor working with OEMs and end-customers, as well as the federal government and industry organizations, to help shape future AMI security standards,” said Brian M. Ahern, president and CEO, Industrial Defender. “The combination of Industrial Defender’s industrial control and SCADA expertise, coupled with the AMI cyber security assessment capabilities of the InGuardians team, is a key building block of the Smart Grid initiative and will ultimately provide industry leadership and expertise toward its protection.”

“Working with Industrial Defender and InGuardians to enhance Itron’s cyber security protection for AMI is a critical step toward ensuring the Smart Grid is deployed with end to end security,” said Russ Vanos, vice president of marketing for Itron. “We are excited to join two of the industry’s leaders in cyber risk protection to help protect our utility customers, as well as their end-users, against cyber security threats and vulnerabilities.”

“InGuardians has supported power companies in taking a proactive approach to securing the Smart Grid,” said Ed Skoudis, co-founder of InGuardians. “Partnering with Industrial Defender, the industry leader in critical infrastructure cyber security protection, will allow us to build on that prior work, providing vendors and utility companies comprehensive services in protecting the Smart Grid as it is increasingly deployed.”

About Industrial Defender, Inc.

Industrial Defender, Inc., the global leader in Cyber Risk Protection™, is the first company to offer a completely integrated Defense-in-Depth™ cyber security solution designed to protect the industrial control system and SCADA environment in a flexible and cost effective platform. This comprehensive Cyber Risk Protection™ lifecycle solution enables the efficient assessment, mitigation and management of cyber security risk within the critical infrastructure network domain. Industrial Defender is a privately held company with over 18 years of industrial control system and SCADA industry experience, and more than 7 years of industrial cyber security experience – recognized in 2008 for Frost and Sullivan’s Company of the Year Award. Industrial Defender has completed more than 100 process control / SCADA cyber security assessments, more than 9,000 global technology deployments in securing critical infrastructure systems, more than 3,000 mission critical SCADA deployments and provides managed security services for 160 process control plants in 21 countries.

About InGuardians, Inc.

InGuardians provides industry-leading information security research and consulting services, helping our clients protect their most important assets from cyber attack. With in-depth expertise in smart grid security, attack analysis, penetration testing, digital forensics, and security architectures, the InGuardians team provides cutting edge services to commercial, government, and military customers. InGuardians’ work in power meter systems has helped to identify potential security issues and devise comprehensive methods for protecting meters and related infrastructure. Founded in 2003, InGuardians includes leading information security instructors, authors of many of the bestselling information security books, and pioneers of numerous open-source information security projects including Bastille Linux and the LaBrea Tarpit.

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