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ElcomSoft will not Present at Europe 2001's Black Hat Event in Amsterdam

ElcomSoft feels privileged to have been invited to participate in the Europe 2001 Black Hat Briefing's. We want to state publicly our wholehearted support for this important event that facilitates a candid and productive dialog, critical for our industry. At Black Hat, vendor-neutral security professionals are encouraged to speak openly about the security problems that modern businesses face and to discuss real solutions to these problems.

ElcomSoft Co. Ltd. is a decade old software development company producing robust solutions for password recovery and total computer security. Since 1997, Elcomsoft Co. Ltd. has offered state-of-the-art computer forensics tools, forensics training and evidence consulting to law enforcement, military and intelligence agencies worldwide. Computer specialists at government agencies, Fortune 500 corporations and major accounting firms rely on ElcomSoft's products to conduct computer crime investigations. Our products are used in over 80 countries and have been the subject of numerous articles. Most recently ElcomSoft has been the focus of two articles in Foundstone publications: Incident Response: Investigating Computer Crime and Hacking Exposed: Network Security Secrets and Solutions.

Given the company's long-standing cooperation with law enforcement agencies, ElcomSoft's commitment to digital rights and its well-known opposition to software piracy, it is ironic for ElcomSoft to be under indictment for alleged violations of the DMCA. ElcomSoft takes these allegations very seriously and is dedicated to clearing and restoring its name through the legal system.

While the criminal charges are pending, ElcomSoft's first priority must be its own legal defense and the defense of its valued employee, Dmitry Sklyarov. Despite our commitment to the discussion of information security issues and our wish to contribute to Europe 2001's Black Hat event, it is with great disappointment that we, at ElcomSoft, have chosen to follow the advice of legal counsel and refrain from participation in this year's conference.

ElcomSoft regrets the chilling effect that the indictment in this matter has had on the worldwide information security R&D communities and on our industry at large. We do look forward to contributing to upcoming conferences, once these unfortunate circumstances are behind us.

If any of you wish to assist our legal efforts, we welcome contributions to the Dmitry Defense Fund:

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