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Continental Resources Achieves Cisco Powered Designation in Managed Security Managed Firewall, and Managed IDS/IPS

Bedford, MA – 1-8-09 – Continental Resources announced today that it has achieved the following: Cisco® Powered Managed Security, Managed Firewall and Managed IDS/IPS from Cisco. These designations recognize Continental Resources for having worked to acquire the resources and establish the procedures to deploy, manage and support these managed services in our Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Illinois locations.

“We are proud to be recognized as an authorized Cisco Certified Managed Services Provider,” said Sam Schoelen, Senior Director of Information Technology at Continental Resources. “Our number one goal is to maximize the return on our customers’ technology investments and we strive to reach that goal by acquiring the training and skills necessary to meet our customers’ diverse needs. This certification from Cisco is another step towards that goal.”

“Adopting managed services allows companies to align IT and business goals, enabling them to focus scarce internal resources on their core competencies while servicing day-to-day IT infrastructure and operational needs through technology delivered as a service,” said Jeff Spagnola, vice president of worldwide service provider marketing at Cisco.. “By achieving Cisco



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Powered designations, Continental Resources has made an investment in obtaining the training, skills and knowledge necessary to play a pivotal role in meeting this increasing demand.”

- **A Cisco Powered Managed Security** firewall service provides Cisco proven firewall technology solutions to help customers better protect their business infrastructure. The service is managed from a security operations center. It supports the key features available on the Cisco firewall solutions, such as network bandwidth optimization and anti-IP address spoofing, and conforms to Cisco and industry best practices.
- **A Cisco Powered Managed Security** Intrusion Detection System (IDS)/Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) service provides Cisco deep-packet, inspection-based technology to better protect a customer’s business infrastructure. This service delivers real-time monitoring and detection and mitigation of many types of malicious network traffic, such as distributed denial-of-service attacks. The service is managed from a security operations center and is deployed at strategic locations across the enterprise network. It supports the key features available on the Cisco IDS/IPS solutions and conforms to Cisco and industry best practices.

Cisco Powered Managed Service designation requirements are based on the Information Technology Infrastructure Library® (ITIL) framework of best practices as well as market and industry requirements. Continental Resources participated in an assessment of its network operation center as a part of the Managed Service Channel Program process.

Cisco recommends services that are designated Cisco Powered because they are designed to deliver a high-quality, customizable service experience, making it easier for businesses to make the right decision when purchasing technology as a service.



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About Continental Resources, Inc. (CRI)

With over 45 years of industry experience, CRI is among the most established technology solutions providers. Building on a significant network of relationships with elite technology providers, CRI configures, integrates, and supports servers, storage, networking solutions, VOIP, datacenter and other infrastructure solutions to business, government and academia. A breadth of resources combines with experience to maximize the ROI on technology investments for businesses nationwide.

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