

## HCL Comnet achieves Cisco® Master Security Specialization

- *Becomes the FIRST Company in INDIA and 9th worldwide to be awarded this prestigious certification*
- *Cisco Master Security Specialization Level distinguishes Partners with Highest Level of Security Expertise, Lifecycle Services and Success in Sales*

**Noida, March 4, 2008:** HCL Comnet Ltd., global IT services provider and subsidiary of HCL Technologies, announced today that it has achieved the Master Security Specialization from Cisco®. This certification recognizes HCL Comnet for its investment towards providing customers with the most sophisticated security technology, process, methodologies and skills built on a successful track record in security lifecycle services and solutions. HCL Comnet is the FIRST company in INDIA & ninth worldwide to achieve this coveted honor from Cisco. The Master Security Specialization is designed to recognize an elite group of Cisco partners who have invested in the most in-depth technology skills and have demonstrated success in selling, deploying and providing services for Cisco's more sophisticated, value-added security solutions. These include a combination of Cisco security solutions, including Cisco Security Agent, Cisco Security Monitoring, Analysis, and Response System (Cisco Security MARS), Network Admission Control (NAC), and Cisco IOS®. Partners with a highly qualified security practice can achieve a Master Security Specialization regardless of certification level.

This certification attests HCL Comnet's capability and commitment to deliver enhanced value to its customers through its globally benchmarked Managed Security Services. These services provide enterprises a comprehensive solution to manage their information security risk and compliance and regulatory requirements. To achieve the Master Security Specialization, partners must first attain the Advanced Security Specialization and meet stringent requirements to demonstrate their Master-level capabilities and customer success track record in three areas:

- **Selling capability** - Sales records, the provision of ongoing training, Cisco prescribed demonstration capabilities, and customer references that document Cisco prescribed design and deployment capabilities.
- **Technology capability** - Specific Cisco and industry-standard technical certification requirements.
- **Services capability and methodology** - Competence across the Cisco Lifecycle Services phases (Prepare, Plan, Design, Implement, Operate and Optimize); ability to meet ISO-prescribed skills for the Operate phase for specific Cisco services.

More information about the Master Security Specialization can be found at: <http://www.cisco.com/web/partners/program/specializations/security/master/index.html>

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"The Cisco Master Security Specialization is designed to recognize partners who have taken the steps to be able to deliver a self-defending network consisting of integrated, collaborative and adaptive security solutions and full lifecycle services," said Naresh Wadhwa, President & Country Manager – India & SAARC, Cisco. He further added, "Master Security Specialization calls for a lot of investment and commitment from a partner organization which translates into a business enriching & secured platform for the customer. For HCL Comnet to achieve the Master Security Specialization is an outstanding achievement and we are proud to have them as the first Master Security Specialized Partner in India."

"It is a great honor to be awarded Cisco's Master Security Specialisation certification. This certification is the highest status any Cisco Security partner across the world can achieve and is one of the most prestigious service provider certifications in the global IT Security space. Cisco has a very stringent selection criterion for this certification, the reason why very few companies in the world qualify for this honor", stated Kiran Bhagwanani, Country Manager, India & Middle East, HCL Comnet. "Comnet's achievement of this certification is a clear reflection of the continued transformational value that we have created in our security services offerings matched with high levels of delivery excellence. We have always led the IT Security space from the front, having pioneered it almost a decade back. We swept virtually all surveys and awards in this space last year, and are extremely proud of now winning this latest global crown." Today HCL Comnet boasts a long list of blue chip clients including 10+ Fortune/Global 1000 organizations for whom it manages security infrastructure worldwide. The company was recently ranked No.1 Security Services Provider in V&D 100 Survey, 2007, the third Numero Uno title in this category and has also been declared a Leader in Security Services by Frost & Sullivan previously.

#### **About HCL Comnet**

HCL Comnet is a leading IT services company and a subsidiary of HCL Technologies Ltd. A focused player in the IT services arena, HCL Comnet seeks to provide simplified infrastructure solutions through delivering high-performance management services for complex, distributed infrastructure environments encompassing the Internet, Client and legacy based infrastructures. HCL Comnet addresses the growing demand for the cost-effective management of technology infrastructure across geographically dispersed locations. With a mission to develop innovative solutions for enterprises worldwide, the company has developed a unique model for Remote IT infrastructure management that enables customer organizations to achieve superior infrastructure performance and significantly reduced costs through a global delivery model. For more information, please visit [www.hclisd.com](http://www.hclisd.com)

#### **About HCL Technologies**

HCL Technologies is one of India's leading global IT Services companies, providing software-led IT solutions, remote infrastructure management services and BPO. Having made a foray into the global IT landscape in 1999 after its IPO, HCL Technologies focuses on Transformational Outsourcing, working with clients in areas that impact and re-define the core of their business. The company leverages an extensive global offshore infrastructure and its global network of offices in 18 countries to deliver solutions across select verticals including Financial Services, Retail & Consumer, Life Sciences & Healthcare, Hi-Tech & Manufacturing, Telecom and Media & Entertainment (M&E). For the quarter ended 31st December 2007, HCL Technologies, along with its subsidiaries had last twelve months (LTM) revenue of US \$ 1.6 billion

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(Rs. 6715 crores) and employed 47,954 professionals. For more information, please visit [www.hcltech.com](http://www.hcltech.com)

## About HCL Enterprise

HCL Enterprise is a \$4.7 billion (Rs. 19,215 crore) leading Global Technology and IT enterprise that comprises two companies listed in India - HCL Technologies & HCL Infosystems. The 3-decade-old enterprise, founded in 1976, is one of India's original IT garage start-ups. Its range of offerings span Product Engineering, Custom & Package Applications, BPO, IT Infrastructure Services, IT Hardware, Systems Integration, and distribution of ICT products. The HCL team comprises approximately 53,000 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 18 countries including 360 points of presence in India. HCL has global partnerships with several leading Fortune 1000 firms, including leading IT and Technology firms. For more information, please visit [www.hcl.in](http://www.hcl.in)

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