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## **Damballa Finalizes Series C Funding with Investment from GRA Venture Fund LLC**

*Investment Supports Damballa's Mission to Protect Fortune 1,000 Companies from the  
Threat of Criminal Botnet Operations*

**ATLANTA—March 30, 2010—**[Damballa](#), the only network security company that enables organizations to take back command-and-control (CnC) from botnets and other remote-control criminal threats, today announced it has finalized its Series C financing with an investment from the GRA Venture Fund LLC, an Atlanta-based investment fund.

“We’re excited to strengthen our links to the Atlanta community,” said Val Rahmani, CEO of Damballa. “This investment will help bolster the industry’s only true anti-botnet solution, which our Fortune 1,000 and ISP customers are using to stop organized cybercrime attacks. Organizations need to look no further than recent attacks on some of the largest and most technically sophisticated companies in the world to understand the severity of botnet attacks and the damage they can cause. Clearly, traditional software defenses are no match for the stealthy and persistent nature of these criminal operators. Damballa is committed to continuing to bring innovative solutions to market that detect and terminate the communication links used in these attacks.”

The GRA Venture Fund LLC is a private investment fund created to help finance promising companies that have emerged from the Georgia Research Alliance VentureLab commercialization program. Since 2002, GRA’s VentureLab has evaluated the commercial potential of more than 500 inventions or discoveries at Georgia’s research universities. The most promising receive grants and loans to help fund the further development of the invention or discovery. This process has led to the formation of more than 100 early-stage companies that employ more than 500 people and have attracted

some \$350 million in private equity investment to Georgia.

Damballa detection and active threat termination technology proactively identifies compromised systems and the malicious network communications typical of botnets and other remote control threats. The company's innovative products can detect and terminate so called "zero day" attacks that evade traditional security solutions that focus on malware and signatures. The company's solution cannot be detected by the criminal operators and does not impede normal network performance or legitimate operations.

"The Georgia Research Alliance Board of Trustees created the GRA Venture Fund LLC to help to fill the gap in available private investment capital so crucial for the growth of companies built on technologies developed at our research universities," said Fred Cooper, Chairman of the Fund's board of directors and a GRA Trustee. "Damballa, whose platform technology was developed in Georgia Tech's College of Computing, exemplifies the kind of innovative company the Fund seeks in its portfolio."

**About Damballa, Inc.**

Damballa stops crimeware threats that exploit enterprise networks for illegal activity by finding and disrupting the hidden communications channels used to control internal computer systems. By detecting malicious remote control, Damballa solutions identify advanced network threats, terminate criminal activity in real-time and provide remediation guidance. Damballa customers include major banks, Internet service providers, government agencies, educational organizations, manufacturers and other companies typically targeted by organized cybercrime. Privately held, Damballa is headquartered in Atlanta, GA.

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