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**Damballa Welcomes Gunter Ollmann, Well-known Security Expert,  
as Vice President of Research**

***Ollmann Brings Over Two Decades of Information Technology  
and Threat Research Experience to the Damballa Team***

**ATLANTA – March 30, 2008** – Damballa, Inc. ([www.damballa.com](http://www.damballa.com)), the only Internet security company focused exclusively on bot-driven targeted threats, announced today that Gunter Ollmann has joined the company as Vice President of Research.

“We are beyond delighted to welcome Gunter onboard. He brings years of deep knowledge and experience in enterprise security threat research and is a well-respected and well-known expert in the industry,” said Steve Linowes, CEO of Damballa, Inc. “As a pioneer in bot-driven targeted threat research and solutions, the Damballa team is looking forward to having Gunter continue the momentum in our understanding of how these threats affect the enterprise and assisting us in bringing that knowledge to our customers.”

Gunter Ollmann has over 20 years of experience within the information technology industry and is a known veteran in the security space. Prior to joining Damballa, Ollmann held several strategic positions at IBM Internet Security Systems (IBM ISS) with the most recent being the Chief Security Strategist. In this role he was responsible for predicting the evolution of future threats and helping guide IBM’s overall security research and protection strategy, as well as being the key IBM spokesperson on evolving threats and mitigation techniques. He also held the role of Director of X-Force as well as the former head of X-Force security assessment services for EMEA while at ISS (which was acquired by IBM in 2006). Prior to joining ISS, Ollmann was the professional services director of Next Generation Security Software (NGS), a vulnerability research and attack-based consulting firm.

Ollmann has been a contributor to multiple leading international IT and security focused magazines and journals, and has authored, developed and delivered a number of highly technical courses on Web application security. He is a well-known industry speaker worldwide and is often invited to present at various international security conferences. Ollmann is also highly regarded in the press as an expert source on security threats and is a frequently quoted by the international media.

For more information on Damballa solutions, please visit [www.damballa.com](http://www.damballa.com) or call 404-961-7400. And for an assessment of how many of your enterprise systems may be

compromised by bot-driven targeted attacks, please visit the Damballa Risk Calculator at <http://www.damballa.com/overview/risk.php>.

For an ongoing conversation about targeted threats, please visit the Damballa blog, *The Day Before Zero*, at <http://blog.damballa.com/>.

**About Damballa, Inc.**

Damballa protects businesses from bot-driven targeted attacks used for organized, online crime by using the Internet cloud to identify and isolate threats that evade other technologies. Our unique, global approach monitors the Command-and-Control that coordinates botnet attacks to rapidly identify compromised systems and enable immediate control of malicious activity. Global 1000 corporations, large Internet service providers, OEM partners and government agencies use Damballa's signatureless solutions and industry-leading research to reinforce existing security infrastructure and stop hidden Internet attacks. The result is dramatically improved security both inside and outside the network perimeter. Damballa is privately held and headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

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