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LEE & WHITE CONSULTANTS REPORTS ON FINDINGS OF STUDY INTO THE COMPLIANCE OF BELGIAN WEBSITES WITH REGARD TO THE BELGIAN DATA PROTECTION LAW, IMPLEMENTING EU DIRECTIVE 95/46/EC

Brugge, Belgium, December 15 – On November 15, 2005, Lee & White Consultants bvba announced the completion of its report on the compliance of Belgian websites with regard to the processing of personal data in accordance with the Belgian Law of 8 December 1992 on Privacy Protection in relation to the Processing of Personal Data implementing European Union Directive 95/46/EC.

Since then, they have been liaising with government and professional organizations for their positions and actions to be taken to resolve the issue brought about by the report.

A press conference will be held today to introduce the report and gain media coverage of the glaring issue still prevalent years after the Belgian Data Protection Law of 8 December 1992 and its subsequent modifications.

The results are appalling – 96.71% of the websites studied do not comply. Even worse, the general attitude of these companies towards their non-compliance is extremely laid back. They do not see the need to comply and cannot understand the significance of protecting privacy because of the lack of enforcement in this area.

Furthermore, these companies overestimate the complexity and efforts involved and use this as a further excuse not to comply. The reality is a simple modification of procedures and implementation of designated authorities and security measures.

“We hope that this report will shake all these non-compliant companies to adhere to all privacy laws by the end of 2006, push for more active enforcement by the Privacy Commission and simultaneously bring awareness to the general public of their rights. We also conducted a dialog as a spot check with a selection of these companies. After being told about their issues, the general excuses they made demonstrated how undaunted they were to the illegality. It is not flattering to see so many companies showing low regard to the sacred right to privacy. It is, and will continue to water down the trust relationship between company and customer “says Irina Krishnan, President and CEO of Lee & White Consultants. “A major change of attitude from all sections of society is clearly needed. Everyone is underestimating the epidemic which is threatening privacy in today’s age of technology and many are too busy to care. Well, we are putting a reminder in their agenda for them.”

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