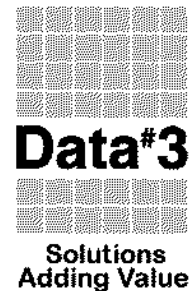


Data#3 Awarded Cisco Gold Certified Partner Status

Opens Up New SME and Government Opportunities to Data#3



BRISBANE 7 April, 2004 - Data#3 announced today that it has been awarded **Gold** Certified Partner status by Cisco Systems, recognising its ability to deliver the highest level of supply, installation and support for Cisco network solutions.

Data#3 was also recently recognised by Cisco as the ANZ Silver Partner of the Year.

The internationally recognised certification of Cisco Gold Certified Partner includes specialisations in VPN Security, Wireless LAN, Network Management, and Routing and Switching solutions. Data#3 is also currently undertaking an IP Communications specialisation with Cisco. Having achieved Cisco Gold Certified Partner status, Data#3 will now competitively pursue new opportunities in the SME, enterprise, and government markets focused around advanced technology areas such as security, networking, wireless, storage and IP communications.

Commenting on the certification, John Grant, CEO of Data#3 said, "This is a milestone event for Data#3. We expect that Cisco's Gold Partner certification will have a very positive impact on Data#3's business given that many governments and large corporations require this certification as part of their Request for Proposal. Indeed, this certification was a contributing factor in Data#3 being recently awarded a significant public sector contract. We are now on a level playing field with Cisco Gold Certified Australian and multi-national resellers for the provision of specialist network solutions and that presents enormous opportunities for us on a national level."

According to Ross Fowler, Cisco Systems Australia and New Zealand managing director, "Data#3 is one of only a handful of Australian technology companies that have achieved this level of accreditation and we extend our congratulations to them. Achievement of Gold certification confirms Data#3's proven technical expertise in Cisco's advanced technologies."

To achieve Cisco Gold Certified Partner status, Data#3 has undergone a rigorous accreditation process, which included meeting the requirements of an extensive third party audit, demonstrating exemplary pre-sales and post-sales support and having a specified number of Cisco certified individuals at Data#3. This further enhances Data#3's ability to add value when addressing customers' technology infrastructure requirements.

About Data#3

Since listing in 1997, Data#3 has evolved from a Queensland oriented IT Solutions Company to one of national significance with approximately 440 staff serving customers from Data#3 offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Gladstone.

As an IT Solutions Company, Data#3 seeks to provide value for its customers from their IT investment by providing expertise in:

- business solutions delivered through application software
- the design, implementation and management of reliable technology infrastructure
- cost effective procurement of IT hardware and software products, and
- sourcing the right IT people.

Applying this expertise in its broadest sense provides a total solution to our customers' business and technology needs. This in turn can maximise shareholder value by delivering performance that meets or exceeds our financial objectives.

Our customers cover a wide range of industries including banking and finance, mining, tourism and leisure, legal, healthcare, manufacturing, distribution, government and utilities and are located throughout Australia and into Asia and China.

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