

## **Network Internet-Content Filter Delivers Advanced Features for Only \$998**

### **CIPA-compliant Appliance Provides Libraries, Schools and Small Businesses Advanced Capabilities at One-Third the Cost of Comparable Products**

**San Jose, CA – September 28, 2004** – The ComSifter™ CS-8 provides full-featured network Internet-content filtering more cost-effectively than any competitive product. The easy-to-use hardware-and-firmware device, which Comsift Inc. introduced today, stops inappropriate web content such as adult material and violence using eight configurable filters that are assignable on a user-by-user basis.

“CS-8 is targeted at libraries, schools and businesses that must provide diverse levels of filtering for a broad range of users,” explained Chuck Roedel, CEO of Comsift. “Providing advanced capabilities at a much lower cost than competing software filters gives these organizations a significant budget advantage.”

#### **Advanced Filtering Capabilities**

The CS-8 builds on the capabilities of Comsift’s first product, the CS-1. Organizations that have differing filter requirements for different categories of users (e.g., teachers, high school students and grammar school students) can use CS-8 to provide customized filtering using the ComSifter blacklist and the highly accurate CSphrase™ Filter.

Each of the product’s eight separate filters has 10 filter groups that can be configured to block pornography, gambling, hate sites, games, and other inappropriate content. Twelve categories of words and phrases can be configured to block specific content on web pages. Each filter can also block extensions and MIME types. A Warn & Go feature permits an authorized user to bypass the filter on a selected web page for a time-selectable period.

For ease of administration, CS-8 provides a complete suite of management tools including user-name importation, module-based administrative rights, security-log file, user-access log files and extensive diagnostics.

“CS-8 has allowed our school to assign different filter profiles to our staff, teachers and students,” said Steve Goodwin, technical administrator of Holy Spirit School in San Jose, CA. “The flexibility of CS-8 has more than met our filtering needs at a price that meets our budget.”

#### **Lower Cost of Ownership**

With an academic price of \$998 (including one year of service), CS-8 is only about one-third the price of comparable products. An unlimited license is standard, eliminating licensing costs and the need to track licenses.

A single CS-8 can protect an entire network of several hundred computers. The device can filter any type of computer (e.g., Windows, Apple, Linux). All functions of the device, including firmware and blacklist updates, are automatic, requiring no human intervention.

## **Accurate Results**

By combining CSphrase Filter Technology with a robust blacklist, the patent-pending CS-8 stops an estimated 98 percent of inappropriate content, compared to the 50 to 75 percent accuracy more typical in the industry. CSphrase Filter Technology scans every word on the page, analyzing the context to determine if the page should be blocked. All this is done in a fraction of a second. ComSifter includes a patent-pending Port Blocker that permits blocking of port-hopping peer-to-peer download and chat programs such as Kazaa (music) and IM (chat).

## **Pricing & Availability**

The CS-8, which is available now, expands the ComSifter product family. The CS-1, which provides a single filter, has already been installed in many schools, libraries and other organizations. Both devices are compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), fulfilling the Technology Protection Measure requirement of that act.

The CS-8 device is \$1,299 (\$799 for academic pricing). Two annual service plans are offered. The weekly update is \$299 (\$199 academic), while the daily update is \$499 (\$299 academic). One of these plans is required with the initial purchase of CS-8. Academic organizations selecting the weekly update plan may acquire the CS-8 for only \$998, *independent of the number of computers in their network*.

The CS-8 comes with an unlimited license, a 30-day money-back guarantee, and unlimited telephone and email support.

## **About Comsift, Inc.**

Founded in 2003, Comsift, Inc. is a private, woman-owned business dedicated to helping protect children and computer users of all ages from inappropriate Internet content. For more information about the San Jose, CA-based company, phone 866-875-1254, email [sales@comsift.com](mailto:sales@comsift.com) or visit the company's web site at [www.comsift.com](http://www.comsift.com).

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Note to Editor: A diagram illustrating CS-8's multi-tiered filtering capability is available at [www.comsift.com/filteringcs8.htm](http://www.comsift.com/filteringcs8.htm)

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