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NEC Brazil and Ridgeback Network Defense Announce Strategic Partnership for Active Cyber Deterrence

NEC Brazil and Ridgeback Network Defense are pleased to announce a new partnership under which NEC's market-leading cyber security services will add Ridgeback's one-of-a-kind security software to its array of products and services. NEC, with its extensive experience in orchestrating value-add partnerships, reinforces its portfolio with the novel approach taken by Ridgeback, which uses active, enterprise-wide defensive measures that automatically impair and evict malicious actors from networks, in real-time.

According to **Angelo Guerra, vice president of NEC in Brazil**, the new partnership, under which NEC will offer Ridgeback as a security option to its clients, helps provide a new kind of safeguard against the most damaging malicious activity on enterprise networks, unauthorized lateral movement, is fully aligned with continuing to differentiate NEC's range of cyber services. "In view of our knowledge as orchestrators and integrators of our own solutions and strategic partners in the most diverse areas in network and security technologies, NEC has a special focus on business growth, in sectors that demand advanced solutions. With the addition of Ridgeback, our security portfolio, in this context, is further strengthened and serves as a solid basis for any value proposition by the organization", says Guerra.

Ridgeback recognizes that cyber adversaries face little if any deterrent in their exploits from traditional security approaches, especially once they gain access to an enterprise network. By imposing a burden on the adversary, impairing their ability to gain knowledge and insight into a company's network environment and automatically evicting them before they do any harm, Ridgeback changes the balance of the relationship between attacker and defender starkly in favor of the defender. Moreover, Ridgeback presents real time, comprehensive visibility into the attack surface, and enforces internal network and device access and communications policies so that unauthorized and malicious connections are impeded in real time.

Jorge Antunez, Ridgeback head of business development, said "We are extremely proud to have NEC as our partner in Brazil. NEC has, of course, global brand equity, but we also feel we share an interest in resolving the cybersecurity problem with original 'out-of-the-box' approaches. We could not be more happy that NEC Brazil has endorsed Ridgeback's unique approach via this partnership and we are excited to be working together to secure the enterprise."



About Ridgeback Network Defense, Inc.

In Cybersecurity, enterprises deal with a rapidly-evolving, impossible to foretell threat landscape, making a delayed response harmful, and inaction potentially catastrophic. An enterprise cybersecurity program must be able to adapt to be successful. Ridgeback enables an enterprise's security program to adapt by making effective and timely decisions to address ever changing cyber threats. Ridgeback is the most effective tool to disrupt the attack lifecycle before Lateral Movement occurs.

Ridgeback offers a new theory of defense – reshape the network battlefield so enterprises can win – that adapts to any threat type, on any network, with any mix of devices and OS types. Ridgeback impairs the attacker, not the defender, disrupting the current dynamic like no other security product. Networks running Ridgeback will never be the Adversary's target of opportunity. For more information, visit Ridgeback at www.ridgebacknet.com

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About NEC in Brazil

With a 51-year history in the Brazilian market, NEC is one of the most important suppliers in the country in technologies aimed at communication networks and public and cyber security, serving telecommunications operators, companies and governments. The company has decades of expertise in the implementation and integration of end-to-end projects and solutions, of great complexity, in addition to operating in several segments, such as energy and supercomputing. The company is a subsidiary of NEC Corporation, a group that has been in business for more than 120 years and globally provides "Solutions for Society" that promote the security, protection, efficiency and equity of society. Under the company's corporate message, "Orchestrating a brighter world", NEC aims to help solve a wide range of challenging issues and create new social value for the changing world of tomorrow. For more information, visit NEC at <https://n.nec.com> .

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