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## **Independents Fiber Network Reinforces Network Security Against DDoS Attacks**

### ***Corero Provides value add DDoS mitigation to protect customers' service availability***

**Wapakoneta, Ohio** — Independents Fiber Network, a wholly owned subsidiary of Com Net Inc ("CNI-Independents") has teamed up with Corero Network Security, a leading provider of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) defense solutions, to safeguard its customers from DDoS attacks. CNI-Independents Fiber Network is a Tier 2 Telecommunications company with 21 Tier 1 interconnect partners throughout Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Providing operational services, as well as Ethernet transport services to Telco companies and commercial businesses for almost 25 years.

The implementation of Corero real-time DDoS defense technology was a strategic decision to mitigate Internet service disruptions caused by DDoS attacks. DDoS attacks are attempts to make online services unavailable by overwhelming it with traffic from multiple sources. The attacks are extremely difficult to defend against and can be very costly to the Internet providers. Corero delivers dedicated technology for real-time mitigation of DDoS attacks in seconds vs minutes, allowing good user traffic to flow uninterrupted via the SmartWall® Threat Defense System (TDS) with SecureWatch® Analytics, a family of solutions that utilize modern DDoS mitigation architecture to automatically remove DDoS attack traffic.

"Protecting the security of our network and delivering value added service has always been a prime focus of CNI-Independents," said Tim Berelsman, CEO. "Investing in the Corero SmartWall TDS system is the best solution to more effectively monitor and mitigate DDoS threats automatically, in-line and in real-time. We plan to use the new DDoS mitigation capabilities to create new service offerings that would benefit customers with enhanced service level agreements supported by further secured Core networks."

Another benefit is that CNI-Independents' security staff have more time to focus on other key aspects of customer-related security issues, such as virus and malware-related events.

Aaron Holtz, GM of CNI Broadband Operations, added, "Every Internet Service Provider is susceptible to these kind of attacks, but we are taking the steps to eliminate the DDoS threat. We know our partners and their customers will appreciate it as much as we do."

**About Independents Fiber Network:** Independents Fiber Network was established in 2003 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNI. Independents Fiber Network is an Ohio-based company that brings high performance, high capacity Ethernet-over-Fiber solutions including voice, video, and data services to better serve our customers. By operating a fiber optic backhaul network dedicated to serving rural and underserved communities in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, Independents delivers connectivity you can count on for mission critical operations ensuring business continuity and access when you need it most. For more information, please visit Independents Fiber Network's website at [www.ifnetwork.biz](http://www.ifnetwork.biz) call us toll-free at (800)634-4032.

### ***About Corero Network Security***

Corero Network Security is the leader in real-time, high-performance DDoS defense solutions. Service providers, hosting providers and online enterprises rely on Corero's award winning technology to eliminate the DDoS threat to their environment through automatic attack detection and mitigation, coupled with complete network visibility, analytics and reporting. This, industry leading technology provides cost effective, scalable protection capabilities against DDoS attacks in the most complex environments while enabling a more cost effective economic model than previously available. For more information, visit [www.corero.com](http://www.corero.com).