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**VIRTUAL SECURITY MATURITY BENEFITS SERVICE PROVIDERS**  
**VMWare upgrade redresses a number of undocumented features**

**Sydney, 19 May 2009** – The team behind [www.virtualserver.com.au](http://www.virtualserver.com.au) has welcomed the release of the highly anticipated upgrade to the VMWare’s virtualisation platform, saying VSphere resolves many of the technical challenges experienced by service providers by improving management, performance and security.

The [www.virtualserver.com.au](http://www.virtualserver.com.au) website is run by Virtual.Offis, a Sydney based Managed Service Provider. Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Craig Allen is particularly pleased that security configurations previously limited to dedicated servers can now be implemented across a virtual infrastructure running on a CISCO network.

“It has always been a fantastic technology but the market is generally aware of some undocumented features that have made virtual switches a challenge for service providers. The security aspects of the platform have matured considerably. We can lock individual servers down tightly because we run such a vast array of security measures, but the latest developments provide additional confidence,” said Mr. Allen. “Patching and updating was previously a productivity drag. This issue has been removed by the upgrade, which is pleasing. Given the deadline we’ve set ourselves of virtualising 1,000 servers by 2015, any upgrade that makes our business more efficient is welcome.”

Virtual.Offis set itself this ambitious target when it launched [www.virtualserver.com.au](http://www.virtualserver.com.au) last year. As the operator of two energy intensive data centres, Craig Allen believes he has a responsibility to embrace virtualisation.

“We consider the VMWare virtualisation platform as a real answer to the inconvenient truth about IT related energy consumption and emissions,” said Mr. Allen. “Our aim is to consistently have at least 80% of our clients operating on virtualised servers.”

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About Virtual.Offis

Virtual.Offis is a premium Managed Service Provider specialising in hosted support of highly secure, instantly available and always online infrastructure for business critical systems and applications.

Virtual.Offis operates out of utility grade data centres in Australia with direct access to the Verizon network (Southern Cross). The primary focus of Virtual.Offis is on the provision of outsourcing services provided under long-term contracts to undertake all or a part of the customers Internet/IT functions and requirements, across the IBM System x (Intel) and System i (AS400) platforms. Services include Managed Operations, IT Consulting, Security, Internet Related Services, networking and Disaster Recovery services.

The company also operates [www.virtualserver.com.au](http://www.virtualserver.com.au) and is committed to migrating 1,000 physical servers to virtual environments by 2015, as part of a campaign to help SMB's reduce IT related GHG emissions.