



Press Release

Vi Business Strengthens its Security Portfolio, Unveils Vi Next Generation Cloud Firewall Solutions for Enterprises

Mumbai, June 7, 2021: With accelerated growth in digital, work from home, workloads migrating to cloud, has led to a strong need of reliable security solutions for day-to-day functioning of enterprises. Sensing the criticality to secure the business risks of its customers, **Vi Business**, the enterprise arm of Vodafone Idea Ltd. (VIL), has strengthened its security portfolio with the launch of **Vi Cloud Firewall**, a cloud-deployed security solution for enterprises.

Continuing its collaborative strategy, **Vi Business** has partnered with leading security technology provider **Firstwave Cloud Technology** to introduce **Vi Cloud Firewall** for the modern business needs. FirstWave Cloud Technology has helped design innovative multi-tenant and dedicated Vi Cloud Firewalls engineered for Vi's OpenStack RedHat cloud environment and managed using FirstWave's Cloud Content Security Platform (CCSP). The Firewall solution is powered by Palo Alto Networks VM-Series Virtual Next-Generation Firewall (NGFW) technology, one of the market leaders.

KEY FEATURES

- **Next Generation Firewall**
- **Gateway Anti-Virus / Anti-Spam**
- **Zero day APT protection**
- **Threat Prevention**
- **Botnet and IP Domain protection**
- **Application and User Identity Control**

Vi Cloud Firewall comes with next generation firewall features like gateway ant-virus, DDoS protection, secure VPN, data loss prevention, content filtering, real-time intelligence, amongst others. This cost-effective, flexible and network-based solution involves zero capex, zero touch and eliminates the need of any on premise infrastructure for enterprises to set up and run. It is a one-stop single solution that provides faster turnaround with scalability options, without infrastructure upgrade, completely managed services with no dependence on internal IT teams.

Introducing the security solution, **Abhijit Kishore, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, Vodafone Idea Limited**, said, "As enterprises accelerate digital adoption and respond to the dynamic environment, they are also looking to build scalable IT and Security capabilities. Migrating to cloud applications and protection against possible security threats is amongst the top priorities for large and small businesses alike. **Vi Cloud Firewall** is a flexible subscription based solution offering ease of business operations, connectivity and security for businesses across domains. With the launch of **Vi Cloud Firewall**, **Vi Business** has taken another significant step towards providing comprehensive and integrated connectivity and security solutions to our enterprise customers."

Commenting on the partnership, **Neil Pollock, CEO, FirstWave Cloud Technology**, said "Firstwave is delighted to partner with Vi Business to launch the innovative Vi Next Generation Cloud Firewall that is integral to Vi Business secure internet portfolio. Teams from both Vi Business and FirstWave Cloud have worked tirelessly over the last several months to bring this innovation to Vi Business customers. Businesses in India can now take advantage of Vi's SaaS based cybersecurity services, starting with cloud firewalls and in the future Email and Web security, delivered via Vi's incredible network and using FirstWave's



CCSP platform. The FirstWave team is excited and committed to support Vi Business in this journey.”

With **Vi Cloud Firewall**, enterprises and businesses across BFSI, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Retail, Travel, Logistics, Real Estate, NBFC, Education etc. can benefit from the best security practices maintained by accredited security professionals and 24x7 monitoring and measurement.

Note: To know more about Vi™ Cloud Firewall, visit <https://www.myvi.in/business/enterprise-solutions/security/cloud-firewall>

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Ookla® - the global leader in broadband testing and web-based network diagnostic applications, has verified Vi, based on analysis of Speedtest Intelligence® data as the fastest 4G network pan-India in Jan to March '21.

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About FirstWave Cloud Technology Limited (FirstWave)

FirstWave Cloud Technology Ltd (FirstWave) is an ASX-listed, Australian-headquartered global cybersecurity company, which has been delivering Cybersecurity-as-a-service solutions to the market since 2004. Today, FirstWave is present on five continents. At the heart of FirstWave is our unique and proprietary technology – the Cloud Content Security Platform (CCSP). The cloud platform enables our service provider and telco partners to deliver a comprehensive range of security services to their customers from a single platform ‘as-a-Service’. This provides economies-of-scale and efficiencies that enable the provision of a range of security services typically only affordable by very large customers with dedicated cybersecurity resources. We refer to this as “democratising enterprise-grade cyber security-as-a-service”.

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