

## **SAS Adopts Verdasys Digital Guardian for Secure Software Development in a Globally Distributed Environment**

**Waltham, MA – December 8, 2006** - Verdasys, Inc., the leader in business process integrity solutions for information risk management, announced today that SAS, the leader in business intelligence software and services, has signed an agreement for implementation of Digital Guardian for protection of valuable outsourced data and intellectual property in its offshore operations.

“Our increasing investment in India and China for product development and support creates tremendous pressure to globally protect intellectual property. We were faced with difficult challenges to provide a secure, compliant, yet personnel-friendly, business process,” said Chip Kelly, System and Information Security Manager of SAS.

SAS sought a solution that would: a) Prevent, deter or detect intentional or unintentional disclosure or corruption of local and corporate intellectual property; b) Apply controls that do not disrupt the business process and maintain the required levels of system and data availability; and c) Increase user awareness of proper data handling procedures.

Traditional technology-based approaches to data containment, however, proved expensive and unwieldy. “With Digital Guardian,” said Kelly, “we are able to reduce our risk and provide the level of security needed around all our data. We are now able to verify that the company’s intellectual property is being used properly and in compliance with corporate policies, relevant regulatory requirements and industry best practices,” he added.

Verdasys solutions protect proprietary and sensitive data and the integrity of the business processes essential to successfully conducting business on a global basis. The Digital Guardian platform creates a secure virtual perimeter that assures that data is controlled by policy and monitored for accountability establishing a community of trust between the data user, data owner and data provider. The Digital Guardian platform is an enterprise solution used for the monitoring and control of information flow in an organization. Digital Guardian provides comprehensive protection against data leakage, data loss, and/or data theft by protecting it where it is most vulnerable - at the “point of use” (on a PC, laptop, or server). It is application agnostic, file type agnostic, and has a security model that overrides the windows or enterprise security model.

"SAS is a well respected leader in business intelligence software and services, and known for being in the forefront of information technology," said Seth Birnbaum, CEO of Verdasys. "We are thrilled to work with SAS in securing their business process and their valuable intellectual assets."

### **About Verdasys, Inc.**

Verdasys’ Digital Guardian is the only product platform that delivers the fundamental elements of Business Process Integrity under a scalable architecture with customer proven technology. Business Process Integrity protects information, applications and processes essential to maintaining the market value, proprietary assets, intellectual property, reputation & process integrity of a global enterprise. The Digital Guardian platform is in use by government agencies, and by leaders in financial, pharmaceutical, insurance, healthcare, manufacturing, entertainment, and other industries around the world. Verdasys customers use Digital Guardian to comprehensively protect data wherever it’s used. Verdasys is headquartered in Waltham, MA. For more information, please visit <http://www.verdasys.com>.

**About SAS**

SAS is the leader in business intelligence software and services. Customers at 40,000 sites use SAS software to improve performance through insight into vast amounts of data, resulting in faster, more accurate business decisions; more profitable relationships with customers and suppliers; compliance with governmental regulations; research breakthroughs; and better products. Only SAS offers leading data integration, intelligence storage, advanced analytics and business intelligence applications within a comprehensive enterprise intelligence platform. Since 1976, SAS has been giving customers around the world The Power to Know<sup>®</sup>.

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