

## Anti-spam firm reports successful Q2

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Anti-spam, anti-virus firm Commtouch reported a successful second quarter Wednesday, including seven OEM agreements and new management appointments.

"The first half of 2006 was very good for Commtouch," Chief Executive Officer Gidon Mental said via a company statement. "We (positioned the company) as a market leader in our field."

The company said it now serves more than 40 business partners around the world with its anti-spam, anti-virus engine. The assimilation period for the technology takes an average of a few months, after which the company will begin a new marketing stage of selling products suited to Commtouch technology.

The new members of the company's management team include new Chief Financial Officer Ron Elah, a new vice president for business development in North America, Jay Goldin, and a new senior marketing manager, Rebecca Herson.

The announcement represents a turnaround for the company, which several months ago was in danger of being de-listed from the Nasdaq, Herson told UPI.

Commtouch also announced a solution for image-based spam in the first half of 2006. Unlike text-based spam, the image-based junk mail has no easily detectable text or Web links, so conventional anti-spam engines fail to catch it.

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