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Press Release

eHosting DataFort Achieves The Acclaimed PCI-DSS Certification

Adds another certification by becoming Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard compliant for its T3 Data centers in Dubai

eHosting DataFort (eHDF), pioneers in Managed Hosting and Cloud Infrastructure services in the UAE, recently attained the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) compliance certification. Besides, the company is also accredited with ISO 9001, 20000, 22301, 27001 and CSA STAR security certifications.

This will allow e-commerce, Banking and Financial Services, Insurance (BFSI) and other clients dealing with Card storing and processing environments, access to eHDF's physical, environmental, network and infrastructure security needed to protect sensitive cardholder data and meet PCI DSS compliance standards for their business. eHDF can now extend PCI compliant services for customers and help them meet the compliance standards too.

eHDF managed to complete the stringent certification process in a record time of four months due to the existing compliance with several other industry standards. This places the company high on its maturity in security mandates and governance. The procedure required thorough assessment to identify the assets, systems and processes that govern the infrastructure and applications and to ensure that the standards are met.

Additional measures were incorporated with new systems and infrastructure mechanisms to meet the required controls. The company also considered other enhancements to achieve the PCI-DSS certification.

"We see clients struggle with PCI compliance adherence which made us realize there exists a genuine market concern that needed a feasible solution. eHDF's clients can now leverage our PCI DSS compliance and easily empower themselves to get PCI compliant. This adds yet another layer of security to the customer's data." said Yasser Zeineldin, CEO, eHosting DataFort.

"Today, more and more organizations want to engage with hosting partners who meet data security and other regulatory requirements even if they are not bound by them. Being able to demonstrate PCI compliance is what sets us apart from our competition. It is evident that when customers invest in time and expenses to achieve compliance, they expect the same of their service providers. They also need us to demonstrate high levels of controls implemented to safeguard their data in a secure and consistent manner and abide by regulatory mandates," added Yasser Zeineldin.

The PCI security standard dictates a set of comprehensive requirements for "enhancing payment account data security" such as credit card numbers, names, addresses, email, etc. It was developed by the founding members of the PCI Security Standards Council, including American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide, and Visa Inc., to help facilitate the broad adoption of consistent data security measures on a global basis.

eHDF places professional training very high in its strategic goals. The new certification which demanded specialized skills was met with the team undergoing comprehensive training programmes. The company is focused on its strong security credentials and is committed to raise the bar and meet the ever-growing customer requirements.



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About eHosting DataFort

Established in 2001, eHosting DataFort (eHDF) is amongst the 1st providers of Managed Hosting and Cloud Infrastructure Services in the Gulf region. It owns and operates multiple T3 data centers, delivering managed services through reliable infrastructure, 24/7 support and guaranteed uptime, and is the only services provider in the ME to offer credit based Service Level Agreements.

eHDF was the pioneer in the region to introduce hosted managed private cloud solutions and were the 1st in the UAE to launch public cloud services which can be bought from an online storefront. Very recently, eHDF obtained Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) STAR Certification, becoming the 1st company in the region to achieve this. It also achieved the acclaimed ISO 22301 certification for Business Continuity this year and was amongst the 1st companies to achieve ISO 9001 / 20000/ 27001.

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