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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

February 10, New York Times — **OPEC to cut crude output. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decided Tuesday, February 10, to cut its official limits on the output of crude by one million barrels a day beginning April 1,** according to oil ministers attending a cartel meeting in Algeria. The energy ministers had said stricter adherence to their current production quotas, currently 24.5 million barrels a day, was needed to avoid a sharp decline in the price of oil this spring. **OPEC had also agreed to eliminate about 1.5 million barrels a day of what is called quota busting — exceeding agreed-upon limits on production to take advantage of high prices. If all member states stick to the agreement, the two measures together would effectively cut OPEC's daily output by about 10 percent.** OPEC's president, Purnomo Yusgiantoro of Indonesia, said "our projections indicate that there will be a significant surplus of oil in the second quarter of this year, and, if this is not handled in a timely and effective manner, there is likely to be excessive downward pressure on prices, leading to a protracted spell of volatility in the market, which will be in nobody's interests."

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/02/10/business/worldbusiness/10C-ND-OPEC.html?hp>

- February 09, Reuters* — **Loose bolts send NRC team to nuclear power plant. U.S. power company PPL Corp. on Monday said U.S. nuclear regulators had sent an inspection team to its Susquehanna nuclear power plant in northeastern Pennsylvania, after loose bolts were found on a diesel generator at the site.** The company said during testing on January 25, its crew discovered loose bolts on a bracket supporting the equipment that controls the generator's speed. The generator was one of five diesel generators at the plant and the company said it found no problems at the other generators. PPL said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission had sent a team to the plant to assess the company's efforts to determine the underlying cause of the loose bolts.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNews&storyID=4319316>

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

- February 10, Associated Press* — **Army to give longer tours of duty at U.S. posts. The Army intends to give soldiers six- or seven-year assignments in the same U.S. posts to reduce the stress on military families and to build cohesion in fighting units,** officials said Monday. That would double the current average stay at a given American post for most officers and enlisted personnel. Brigadier General Sean Byrne, the Army's director of military personnel policy, said the change is taking place alongside efforts to revamp the Army into a structure of largely independent fighting brigades.

Source: http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2004/02/10/army_to_give_longer_tours_of_duty_at_us_posts/

4. *February 10, Reuters* — **Russia to overhaul aerospace sector. Russia plans to bring together its largest aircraft makers under a single company in the next two years to put an end to damaging squabbles within the ailing sector, a senior government official said on Tuesday. Speaking at a news conference, Deputy Prime Minister Boris Alyoshin said the move was aimed at making Russia's aircraft manufacturers more competitive against global rivals such as Airbus and Boeing Co.** Alyoshin said the holding company will unite Sukhoi, Mig, Ilyushin and Tupolev — Russia's cash-strapped industry giants that have struggled to keep pace with world leaders. Once the backbone of Soviet civil aeronautics and defense aviation, the four were largely devastated in the post-Soviet economic meltdown after the government radically cut the military budget in the early 1990s. Under the new plan the parent company, which will remain in government hands, will map out a single market strategy to avoid legal disputes within the sector that have prevented the industry from recovering. **The holding company, due to be set up gradually over the next two years and likely to become fully operational by 2007, will concentrate on making commercial aircraft, as well as on defense aviation and maintenance, Alyoshin said.**

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/040210/transport_russia_aircraft_1.h tml

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *February 10, Australian Associated Press* — **Bendigo Bank warning over e-mail scam. Bendigo Bank customers in Australia were warned Tuesday about an e-mail scam asking them to submit account details to a fake Website. Bank spokesperson Owen Davies said it had received a number of reports from people who had received a bogus e-mail purporting to be from the bank.** Davies said the hoax e-mail asked users to follow a link to an e-banking site and reactivate their log-on or account details. "If users click on the link within the hoax e-mail, they will be taken to an imitation Website that looks similar to the Bendigo Bank Website," he said. Davies said customers should never divulge banking details under any circumstances and they should never follow links provided in e-mails to Bendigo Bank.
Source: <http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/02/10/1076175148253.h tml>
6. *February 09, Agence France-Presse* — **EU says six members slow on anti-money laundering law. Six European Union (EU) members are not proceeding fast enough on adopting an EU anti-money laundering directive decided in December 2001, the European Commission said Monday.** The commission, the European Union's executive arm, said it had sent formal requests to France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Sweden to implement the directive. "In the absence of a satisfactory response to the reasoned opinions, the Commission may decide to refer the member states in question to the EU's Court of Justice," it warned. The directive was supposed to be integrated into the national legislation of member states by June 15, 2003. **The directive builds on a previous EU law and requires strict client identification, record-keeping and reporting of suspicious transactions in a wider range of fields, such as for real estate agents and lawyers.** "As long as even one member state has not implemented the directive, there will be a weak link in Europe's protection against the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering, including by those responsible for terrorism and organized crime," the commission said.

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Transportation Sector

7. *February 10, The Trucker* — **ATA unveils new image campaign for trucking.** The American Trucking Associations (ATA) has unveiled a new image campaign with the intent to build respect for the trucking industry. **The campaign began February 9 and will focus on qualities for safety, security and essentiality. PriceWeber and ATA developed the project together, according to an ATA news release.** The campaign will deliver its message with advertising and roadside billboards. According to ATA, industry research has shown that "rolling billboard" messages can generate up to 10 million impressions per year. ATA will use decals that feature the theme: "Good Stuff—Trucks Bring It," beginning with its member motor carriers and their shipping and manufacturing customers. Along with working to generate positive impressions of the industry from the general public, a campaign goal is to instill a sense of pride and professionalism among the nation's three million truck drivers, the news release stated.

Source: http://www.thetrucker.com/stories/02_04/0210_ata_campaign.ht ml

8. *February 10, CNN* — **At least forty–three dead in Mideast air crash.** An Iranian airliner crashed Tuesday, February 10, as it approached Sharjah International Airport in the United Arab Emirates, killing 43 people, government officials said. The Iranian Government said a three–member team of officials would arrive Wednesday to help with the investigation. Officials confirmed 40 passengers, including a baby, were on board the plane, as well as six crew members. **The Kish Airlines Fokker–50 twin–engined turboprop plane crashed at around 11:40 a.m. (2:40 a.m. ET), coming down near a supermarket and a school.** The tail section remained intact, but the front half of the plane disintegrated. Officials said a "black box" flight recorder from the aircraft had been recovered. The Dutch–made plane was en route from Iran's Kish Island to Sharjah. The airliner crashed near the border of Sharjah and Ajman — two of the UAE's seven emirates. **Iran has a history of air accidents, often blamed on badly maintained planes. In June, an Iranian military C–130 transport plane crashed outside Tehran, killing all seven people on board. Last February, a Russian–made Ilyushin–76 crashed in southeastern Iran, killing all 275 aboard.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/meast/02/10/uae.planecrash/ind ex.html>

9. *February 10, Associated Press* — **Reagan National terminal evacuated.** A security breach forced about 200 passengers out of a terminal and off some airplanes at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Tuesday, February 10. **"We did have a woman wander away from the screening area as she was waiting to be secondary screened" in Terminal A, said Amy von Walter, a spokesperson for the Transportation Security Administration. "The decision was made to evacuate the terminal and re–screen all the passengers."** Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority spokesman Tom Sullivan said three planes parked at Terminal A gates were emptied, and those passengers were among the people evacuated around noon. "After the evacuation we had K–9 teams and law enforcement search the secure side," said von Walter, adding that planes parked at Terminal A gates were also re–screened. Von Walter said re–screening began 15 minutes after the terminal was cleared. The woman

who caused the concern was never found, though von Walter said she is believed to have been among those who went through security again. According to Sullivan, it took about 20 minutes to get everyone back in the terminal, and things were back to normal by early afternoon.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/ny-usair0210.0.5032718.story?coll=ny-nationalnews-headlines>

- 10. *February 10, Reuters* — Amtrak seeks new subsidy.** Amtrak Tuesday, February 10, requested \$1.8 billion in subsidies for next year and said that the full amount was needed to keep its Northeast Corridor overhaul on track. **David Gunn, the railroad's president, said Amtrak had adhered to business reforms imposed by lawmakers and the Transportation Department, restructured its finances and was doing better with strong ridership.** But Gunn said the railroad could not afford to take less government help than it needed again and let capital projects slip. He said the request for the next fiscal year beginning October 1 put the nation's only city-to-city passenger railroad at a funding level where **it could continue to slowly rebuild the crumbling infrastructure on its flagship Washington-to-Boston line, which it owns. Amtrak has been replacing old wooden ties with concrete ones, swapping out rail, and refurbishing cars and locomotives.** Gunn said some projects, including bridge work, had been deferred because this year's subsidy of more than \$1.2 billion was about \$600 million less than requested. Lawmakers are wrestling with a reauthorization of Amtrak, which could include long-term funding and changes to how it operates.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/TRAVEL/02/10/bi.transport.amtrak.reu/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

- 11. *February 10, Federal Computer Week* — USPS aims for secure Web access.** The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has begun upgrading its Web infrastructure to handle new online services for business mailers. In a time when information about mail is as valued as the mail itself, a secure infrastructure will let USPS offer such online services to businesses as the scheduling drop shipments, gaining access to their customer accounts and viewing the status of their mailed items, postal officials said. Robert Otto, the chief technology officer at USPS, said he expects the secure Web access connections to be completed by late April.

Source: <http://www.few.com/few/articles/2004/0209/web-usps-02-10-04.asp>

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Agriculture Sector

- 12. *February 10, Agence France Presse* — Japan to partially lift suspension of U.S. poultry imports.** Farm Minister Yoshiyuki Kamei said Japan plans to lift a ban on all imports of U.S. poultry except shipments from Delaware and two other states, where chickens have been found infected with bird flu. "If, as a result of close examination, it is found that the virus is less virulent than the H5N1 strain in Asia and appropriate measures against the spread are taken, we think our suspension will be limited to imports from Delaware" and other affected U.S. states, Kamei told reporters. Japan has suspended all imports of U.S. poultry since

chickens in Delaware were found infected with bird flu February 7. Japan has suspended imports from Connecticut and Rhode Island after a strain of bird flu broke out in those states early last year.

Source: http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/afp_asiapacific_business/view/70382/1/.html

13. February 10, Associated Press — Yellowstone bison to get brucellosis shots. Some calves and yearling bison that test negative for exposure to brucellosis will be vaccinated against the contagious disease for the first time this winter, a wildlife biologist in Yellowstone National Park said Monday. "It's a step in trying to get to a disease-free population eventually," said Rick Wallen. But no more than 125 buffalo will get the vaccine in the pilot project, he said. Any animals that test positive for exposure to the disease will be shipped to slaughter, Wallen said. Last winter, all captured animals were shipped to slaughter without being tested for the disease. A joint state and federal bison management plan completed in 2000 called for vaccinating bison as soon as the vaccine could be proven to be safe, Wallen said, and the federal government believes the vaccine is safe. However, it may take years to find out how well it works. A small ear tag will be attached to the animals that are vaccinated. If they are captured again in future years, they will be tested again for the disease to get some indication of the vaccine's effectiveness, he said.

Source: <http://www.dfw.com/mld/dfw/news/nation/7919676.htm>

14. February 10, Reuters — Delaware finds second farm with bird flu . Delaware's Agriculture Department said on Tuesday a second poultry flock was infected with the bird flu virus. **The department said the bird flu virus found in a commercial flock of roaster-type chickens in northern Sussex County was the same H7 strain found five miles away in southern Kent County late last week.** The H7 virus, which is not transmissible to humans, is different from the strain that has killed at least 19 people and decimated poultry stocks in 10 Asian nations.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/WBT000449.htm>

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Food Sector

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Water Sector

15. February 10, Water Tech Online — Major aquifer losing water. The High Plains aquifer, which provides drinking water to eight states, is on the decline, according to a new report by the US Geological Survey (USGS). The aquifer supplies drinking water to 82 percent of people living in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas, and spans 173,000 square miles. **The report cited results from a government study that showed a six percent decrease in the volume of water stored in the aquifer, mainly due to an increase in the rate of withdrawal over a 50-year period.** The two states with the greatest amount of depletion are Texas and Kansas, the USGS said. Water in storage has declined 27 percent in Texas, while Kansas' water has gone down 16 percent.

Source: http://www.watertechonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&N_ID=45928

16. *February 09, Associated Press* — **Many water systems not terror-proof. More than half of New York's residents are drinking water from systems whose anti-terrorism defense plans have not received final approval by the state, a state Assembly report said Monday.** Terror vulnerability evaluations were required under a 2002 law, created to address concerns raised by the attacks of September 11. They were supposed to have been submitted to the state Health Department by January 1, 2003. Some Assembly members said 54 percent of the state's water suppliers did not have final approval for their assessments by January 1, 2004. **Governor Pataki's administration said that 85 percent of the 356 water systems serving 3,300 people or more, had assessments with final or conditional approval. The Assembly report counts the 141 water systems with conditional approval as having no assessments in place.**

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/ny-bc-ny--drinkingwater-ter0209feb09,0,588921.story?coll=ny-ap-regional-wire>

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Public Health Sector

17. *February 10, EUPolitix.com* — **Green light for disease center. European Union (EU) ministers voted on Tuesday to have a European center for disease prevention up and running by 2005.** Based in Sweden, the center will coordinate EU efforts in monitoring and controlling the spread of contagious diseases. The center will allow the EU to be proactive and not just reactive. The idea now has to win the support of national governments at a council meeting. The European disease control center will aim to boost the efforts of national governments and the European Commission in disease control through technical assistance and expertise. **Its tasks will also include an early warning and response system to emergencies and the provision of epidemiological training.** The center would deal with common diseases such as influenza, measles, mumps, poliomyelitis, and Hepatitis. Food and water borne diseases would come under its remit, as would rabies, cholera, malaria, plague, and viral haemorrhagic fevers. It would be expected to make recommendations to the commission and national governments based on its information resources.

Source: <http://www.eupolitix.com/EN/News/200402/bcd53bb3-6789-40c8-a3ab-1a9c0aa079a6.htm>

18. *February 10, Agence France Presse* — **WHO critical of Asia's handling of bird flu. The World Health Organization (WHO) warned that Asian nations were putting economic considerations first in the battle against bird flu, which has killed 19 people.** Vietnam has reversed an earlier cull order of birds in infection zones, saying it was bringing the disease under control and wanted to protect its poultry farmers from further losses. "Economics and agriculture are weighing too heavily in decisions taken by governments, and more concern should be given to the risk to human health," said Bjorn Melgaard, the WHO's representative in Thailand. "The bottom line is, economic considerations are what dictate the responses of the governments trying to ensure the consequences of avian outbreak is minimized," Melgaard said. "That's understandable, but it's more important that sufficient measures are taken to prevent humans from catching the disease," he said. The WHO also warned the Thailand's government about prematurely lifting its quarantine restrictions of affected areas. **The WHO warned**

Monday that China faces a "formidable" task in bringing bird flu under control, and said it was conceivable that there may be human cases despite Beijing's insistence that no one has been infected so far.

Source: http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/afp_world/view/70444/1/null

19. February 10, New York Times — Plans for germ labs split scientific community. Federal money is spawning a building boom for high-security labs, where deadly germs and potential bioterrorist weapons can be studied. The laboratories would more than triple the space to develop vaccines and treatments for anthrax, plague, hemorrhagic fevers, and other deadly pathogens, officials estimate. **Scientists, biodefense experts, and officials say the shortage of Biosafety Level 3 and 4 labs, those that handle the most dangerous forms or the most lethal germs, has hindered research on vaccines and treatments for diseases they cause.** "We desperately need this new space," said James Hughes, director of the infectious disease center at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Some biodefense experts challenge the need for so many highest-containment labs. Those experts say that heightened security, along with other recent federal actions aimed at controlling exotic germs, are greatly increasing secrecy and threatening to reduce the scientific openness that nourishes good research.** They said the elaborate rules might also discourage scientists from working in the field. The expansion is fueled by the National Institutes of Health, which has poured more than \$1.7 billion a year into biodefense since September 11, 2001.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/128904.htm>

20. February 09, Computer World — Budget covers medical early-warning system. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plans to automate the collection of diagnostic information from hospital patient records and lab tests, which could provide early warnings of bioterrorism attacks or virus outbreaks. The \$100 million BioSense project is included in the proposed 2005 federal budget. **John Loonsk, associate director for informatics at the CDC, said the agency will also use BioSense to gather syndromic data, such as emergency room reports of an increase in patients with flulike symptoms and sales of over-the-counter flu remedies.** Combining syndromic and diagnostic data will help the CDC and state and local public-health professionals "make great strides in identifying events earlier," he said. Kim Pemble, general manager of the informatics division of Infinity HealthCare Inc., said the CDC faces a daunting task in trying to automate the collection of emergency room data. Pemble estimated that "85 percent of the emergency rooms in this country still record their data on paper." BioSense has already started to collect data from electronic medical records from a number of Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, Loonsk said.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/governmenttopics/government/story/0,10801,89953,00.html>

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Government Sector

21. February 09, Government Executive Magazine — Ridge says Homeland Security personnel rules expected this month. The Department of Homeland Security likely will release rules outlining its new personnel system by the end of February, Secretary Tom Ridge told the

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Monday, February 9. In response to questions from Sen. Daniel Akaka, D–HI, Ridge elaborated on the department's plans for a new personnel system. He said Homeland Security planned to gradually implement a pay–for–performance compensation system, beginning with a pilot program that would start near the end of fiscal 2005. **The system, to be outlined in rules published in the Federal Register, is the result of a nine–month process during which Homeland Security officials, staffers from the Office of Personnel Management and federal union leaders developed a set of options.** All told, the Bush budget requests \$133.5 million to implement the personnel system, including funds to train homeland security managers on how to use it. Ridge said few agencies have used a pay–for–performance system before. "One of the challenges we've had is there is really no prototype for the government. We haven't been down that path before," he said.
Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0204/020904p1.htm>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *February 10, Click2Houston.com* — Officials' mobile data computers back online.

Houston's new emergency dispatch center encountered more problems Tuesday, February 10. For the second time in six days, mobile data computers in police and fire vehicles were inoperable, meaning emergency crews out in the field were unable to enter their reports directly into the system. Officials said a power failure at police headquarters on Reisner caused the outage. The computer system was down from 7:15 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/2836198/detail.html>

- ### **23. *February 09, Government Technology* — Maryland launches Info–Cop network to net crime on Eastern Shore.** Several departments in four Maryland counties have created a shared information system rooted in Wicomico County's Salisbury Police Department that provides real–time access to local, state and federal crime databases over a wireless network. **The system takes advantage of wireless network speeds to automate outdated query processes and instantly gather vital criminal background information. Officers gain real–time access to crime databases traditionally attained after several minutes of correspondence with a dispatcher.** The combination of powerful software and rapid access to state and national information over wireless networks enables officers to assess situations quickly and accurately, and to act accordingly. Wicomico, Dorchester, Worchester and Somerset Counties currently use the network. Maryland's network is expected to increase later this year to include seven counties and a total of 21 agencies covering 3,337 miles and a population of 408,300. Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=88074>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

- ### **24. *February 10, Microsoft* — Microsoft Security Bulletin MS04–007: ASN.1 Vulnerability Could Allow Code Execution.** A security vulnerability exists in the Microsoft ASN.1 Library that could allow code execution on an effected system. The vulnerability is caused by an

unchecked buffer in the Microsoft ASN.1 Library, which could result in a buffer overflow. **An attacker who successfully exploited this buffer overflow vulnerability could execute code with system privileges on an affected system. The attacker could then take any action on the system, including installing programs, viewing data, changing data, deleting data, or creating new accounts with full privileges.** Microsoft has assigned a risk rating of "Critical" to this issue, and has issued a security update. This vulnerability affects Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, Windows NT Server 4.0 Terminal Server Edition, Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows Server 2003. Additional information is available in "Technical Cyber Security Alert TA04-041A: Multiple Vulnerabilities in Microsoft ASN.1 Library" on the US-CERT Website: <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA04-041A.html>
Source: <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/ms04-007.asp>

25. *February 10, Microsoft* — **Microsoft Security Bulletin MS04-006: Print Vulnerability in the Windows Internet Naming Service Could Allow Code Execution.** A security vulnerability exists in the Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS). **This vulnerability exists because of the method that WINS uses to validate the length of specially-crafted packets. On Windows Server 2003 this vulnerability could allow an attacker who sent a series of specially-crafted packets to a WINS server to cause the service to fail.** Most likely, this could cause a denial of service. The possibility of a denial of service on Windows Server 2003 results from the presence of a security feature that is used in the development of Windows Server 2003. Because it is possible that methods may be found in the future to bypass this security feature, which could then enable code execution, customers should apply the update. On Windows NT and Windows 2000, the nature of the vulnerability is slightly different. WINS will reject the specially-crafted packet and the attack does not result in a denial of service. The vulnerability on these platforms also does not allow code execution. **Microsoft has assigned a risk rating of "Important" to this issue for Microsoft Windows Server 2003, and has issued an update.** Microsoft has assigned a risk rating of "Low" to this issue for Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, Windows NT Server 4.0 Terminal Server Edition, and Windows 2000.
Source: <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/ms04-006.asp>

26. *February 10, GAO* — **Report GAO-04-241: Telecommunications: Wire-Based Competition Benefited Consumers In Selected Markets. One of the primary purposes of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was to promote competition in telecommunication markets, but wire-based competition has not developed as fully as expected.** However, a new kind of entrant, called broadband service providers (BSP), offers an alternative wirebased option for local telephone, subscription television, and highspeed Internet services to consumers in the markets they have chosen to enter. This report provides information on (1) BSPs' business strategy, (2) the impact of BSPs' market entry on incumbent companies' behavior and consumer prices for telecommunications services, (3) the key factors that BSPs consider when making decisions about which local markets to enter, and (4) the success of BSPs in attaining subscribership and any key factors that may limit their success. Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d04241high.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-241>

27. *February 10, Microsoft* — **Microsoft Security Bulletin MS04–005: Vulnerability in Virtual PC for Mac could lead to privilege elevation.** A security vulnerability exists in Microsoft Virtual PC for Mac because of the method by which Virtual PC for Mac creates a temporary file when it is run. **An attacker could exploit this vulnerability by inserting malicious code into the file which could cause the code to be run with system privileges.** This could give the attacker complete control over the system. To exploit this vulnerability, an attacker would have to already have a valid logon account on the local system, or the attacker would already have to have access to a valid logon account. Microsoft has assigned a risk rating of "Important" to this issue and updates are available for the following affected software: Microsoft Virtual PC for Mac version 6.0, 6.01, 6.02, 6.1
 Source: <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/ms04–005.asp>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_MYDOOM.A Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	3127 (mydoom), 113 (ident), 137 (netbios–ns), 1080 (socks), 3128 (squid–http), 20168 (----), 135 (epmap), 37852 (linkproof), 1434 (ms–sql–m), 445 (microsoft–ds) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

28. *February 10, Reuters* — **Italy urges NATO, southern Europe pact.** Italy will propose a pact between NATO and southern Europe against terrorism, Foreign Minister Franco Frattini was quoted as saying on Tuesday. **"Italy will ask the Atlantic Council on March 3 to transform the normal long–distance relationship for security and stability with the Mediterranean countries into a privileged partnership,"** Frattini told Corriere della Sera newspaper in an interview. "Only by involving the southern countries in a common program for defense and security can we create the conditions for a stable solution, and especially for a steady action against terrorism," he added. **Frattini said the pact against terrorism would be increasingly needed as the European Union expanded, and could be extended to include Middle**

Eastern states including Iraq.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L1010512.htm>

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