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mail firm forges
ahead in Northern
Ireland, RoI & GB

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Mail Distiller, the provider of hosted email protection solutions for businesses, has announced a huge growth in its business over the last 6 months.

The announcement from the award-winning company coincides with the launch of a new version of its software and a huge growth in the number of partners now actively selling the product. Mail Distiller now has over 50 partner companies based across the UK and Ireland and has seen growth of 128% in user numbers in the last six months.

Mail Distiller's product resides on the Internet and filters spam, porn and other malicious content from corporate email. This means that email boxes are kept free from

clutter and potentially damaging content. The product also ensures that users always have access to email even if their own company mail servers go down.

Although Mail Distiller sells its products across the UK and beyond, several local companies are already avid users of Mail Distiller.

Tommy O'Neill of Progressive Building Society chose the Mail Distiller product because of the security and peace of mind it provided. "Mail Distiller provides us with an additional layer of defence and security before

mail even hits our firewalls. The anti-malware and email contingency features are great bonuses as well."

Ballymoney Borough Council is also an avid user. According to David Wright, IT Manager at the Council, "The team at Mail Distiller are very helpful and willing and are backed up by very capable technical staff. Using a web interface makes the system very easy to manage and there are no complicated systems which users have to be trained on. The availability of Mail Distiller is excellent and in the 6 months since implementation, we have not experienced any downtime. We can now provide a more efficient service to our ratepayers and other stakeholders."

Colm McGoldrick, Mail Distiller's Chief Technology Officer is in no doubt why the company has

suddenly surged in popularity here and across the UK and Ireland.

"People are waking up to the fact that our solution works. Partners love it because it helps them make more money and users find that suddenly they can get back the kind of email experience they once had. We are now firmly positioned as one of the leading providers of this type of solution in the UK. That's a great position to be in."

Mail Distiller was established in 2002 in order to develop and market a solution to the problem of malicious and time-wasting content in email. Version 3 of the Mail Distiller solution was launched in August 2007. The company is headquartered in the Northern Ireland Science Park and has over 50 partner VARs and ISPs across the UK and Ireland.

faster broadband on the move

From this month, Vodafone customers who want to benefit from even faster laptop connectivity speeds can invest in a new range of devices that will ultimately deliver the fastest ever Mobile Broadband service – making it possible to both send and receive information over ten times faster than the original 3G service launched in 2004.

The choice of devices will include a new plug and go USB Modem as well as two next-generation ExpressCards; one that is plug and go and another, more suited to corporate customers.

Following the new £25 Mobile Broadband flat rate announced in June, Vodafone UK has experienced an unprecedented demand for

laptop connectivity and there's more good news for customers. Throughout autumn Vodafone UK is upgrading its mobile broadband network to support download speeds of up to 7.2Mbps. This will initially be in central London and at various airports including both Belfast airports and will offer typical speeds of 1.7Mbps to 5.5Mbps.

This allows customers to download a 5MB file in around seven seconds, up to 14 times faster than standard 3G and upload speeds are also increasing up to 1.44Mbps, via a technology called HSUPA, which is up to 10 times faster than 3G.

HSUPA or High Speed Uplink Packet Access is a new development to Vodafone UK's Mobile Broadband

service allowing customers to send information quicker than ever before. It is ideal for professional users such as press photographers that want to be able to seize opportunities as they arise and send large files to the office as quickly as possible.

Pauline Quigley, head of Vodafone Northern Ireland, said: "More than ever, the speed of our Mobile Broadband service is helping people make work, work around them, wherever they are. These devices are fast but they are also future-proofed – they are ready for our new upgraded network and they are ready for the latest PCs or laptops."