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Daewoo Capital Selects Fortinet for Antivirus Protection at the Network Edge

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Sept. 23, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that Daewoo Capital Corp., one of Korea’s largest diversified financial services companies with two billion dollars in assets, has selected the Fortinet FortiGate™ Antivirus Gateway platform to secure its corporate headquarters network in Seoul and 35 remote office connections.

Daewoo Capital reviewed several different enterprise-level network security products, and chose Fortinet because it’s the only hardware-based, antivirus firewall with the performance necessary to screen network traffic for content-based threats in real time. Daewoo also cited the FortiGate systems’ four ICSA certifications (antivirus, firewall, IPsec and intrusion detection) as important factors, in addition to being impressed with Fortinet’s strong reference sites among major customers in Korea. Daewoo Capital’s deployment, which includes the gigabit-capacity FortiGate 3000, was accomplished quickly and easily attributing to the FortiGate solution’s extensive networking capabilities and powerful, policy-based configuration.

“Before we deployed the FortiGate solution, Daewoo Capital experienced serious threats from viruses,” said Mr. Shin Ik-Sik, senior IT manager, Daewoo Capital. “Now, with the FortiGate gateway installed, we’ve been safe, specifically from harmful exploits like the Sobig.F virus, because our systems were updated automatically by Fortinet. Previously we were relying primarily on antivirus software on our employees’ PC clients and were inconvenienced by slow performance and exposed to threats because of the need to constantly update the antivirus software manually. Now, we are better protected and the work efficiency of our network operators has been greatly enhanced, as they can spend their time on value-added IT projects instead of updating host antivirus software.”

The FortiGate 3000 is a gigabit-capacity, enterprise-class model in the family of FortiGate antivirus firewall products, which are based on a groundbreaking architecture designed specifically to deliver application-layer security and content processing services in addition to network-layer services in real time. All models in the 10-member FortiGate product family employ Fortinet’s unique FortiASIC™ content processing chip and the powerful, secure, FortiOS™ operating system to achieve breakthrough price/performance. The unique, ASIC-based architecture analyzes content and behavior in real time, and delivers a combination of services and performance that cannot be matched using conventional layer 3/layer 4 networking architectures or by deploying software applications on conventional computer systems.

“Financial services companies build their businesses on trust, so the unique antivirus gateway and firewall security features integrated into the FortiGate platform make it very compelling for large companies like Daewoo Capital,” said Matt Young, Fortinet’s vice president for Asia-Pacific. “Enterprises that demand high-performance, highly secure communications are increasingly looking to next generation solutions like Fortinet’s to support their needs for high speed, enterprise-class security.”

About Daewoo Capital (www.dwcapital.co.kr)

Daewoo Capital was founded in February 1994, and introduced Korea’s first installment financing products and currently operates installment financing for new/used cars and

houses/apartments, factoring, leasing, personal loans and home mortgage loan businesses. Headquartered in DaeJeon with 35 branch offices throughout Korea and \$2 billion dollars in assets, Daewoo Capital is focused on developing customized financial products and better customer services such as free credit accident insurance service for customers who use installment financing for used cars for the first time in Korea.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate™ series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls, winner of the 2003 Networking Industry Awards Firewall Product of the Year, are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. FortiGate systems also deliver a full range of network-level services – including firewall, VPN and traffic shaping – in addition application-level services in integrated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet, named to the “Visionaries” category in the 2003 Gartner Enterprise Firewall Magic Quadrant, is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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