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Fortinet Signs Agreement with IBM's DOMUS Security Labs for FIPS & Common Criteria Certifications

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Aug. 20, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that validations and evaluations are being performed for FIPS 140-2 (Federal Information Processing Standard) certification and Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level 4 (EAL 4) for the antivirus and firewall functionality provided by FortiGate™ Antivirus Firewalls.

FIPS 140-2 is a U.S. and Canadian government standard that describes security requirements for cryptographic hardware and software modules. This certification is required to sell products implementing cryptography functions, such as the encryption and authentication used to provide IPsec virtual private networks (VPNs), to the U.S. federal and Canadian governments. FIPS certification is also being required increasingly throughout the private sector – especially in the financial services and healthcare industries.

The Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation (CCITSE) are evaluation criteria ratified by the National Security Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), along with similar organizations in foreign countries. It was designed to resolve the technical and conceptual differences among existing

standards for the evaluation of network security systems and products, and is recognized worldwide by signatory nations to the Common Criteria agreement. Fortinet is pursuing Common Criteria evaluations for both firewall and antivirus capabilities at the Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL) 4, providing the most stringent assessment and validation of the security functions provided by the full line of FortiGate Antivirus Firewalls.

Evaluations are now underway at DOMUS IT Security Laboratory in Ottawa, a unit of IBM Canada Ltd., which has over a decade of experience in testing and evaluating products for cryptographic and security functionality, with over 500 completed projects to date.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls 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. The FortiGate systems deliver a full range of network-level services – firewall, VPN, intrusion detection and traffic shaping – as well as application-level services such as antivirus and content filtering, in dedicated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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