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Fortinet Wins Internet Telephony Magazine's 2002 Product of Year Award

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Dec. 11, 2002 – The editors of Technology Marketing Corporation's (TMC™) Internet Telephony® magazine, a leading publication in the rapidly growing IP telecommunications industry, have awarded Fortinet with the magazine's prestigious 2002 Product of the Year Award. The Award recognized Fortinet's entire FortiGate™ line of Network Protection Gateways for their "vision, leadership and technological innovation."

Internet Telephony editors reviewed more than 150 of applications for the honor, before selecting the companies that demonstrate the attention to detail that are the hallmarks of IT magazine Product of the Year award winners. Fortinet – a provider of network protection systems and the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus solutions – was recognized for its gateway security achievements.

According to Greg Galitzine, Editorial Director for Internet Telephony, the award not only recognizes outstanding achievement, but also serves as the 'buyer's guide' for IP telephony consumers. "The Product of the Year award is meant not only to honor the outstanding teams who developed and manufactured the products and services on our winning list, but also to educate our readers on the vast array of offerings in this market. Choosing the winners was a difficult process, and we spent many hours studying the applications we received from vendors, as well as looking through materials we collected on our own over the past year," said Galitzine.

The ASIC-based FortiGate units deliver the performance required for secure, converged voice/data applications, and provide application-layer and network-layer security without introducing latency that degrades critical applications such as voice over IP (VoIP). The Korean Information Service Corporation (KOIS), a unit of Korea Telecom, recently deployed a VoIP/data VPN using FortiGate model 50s and 300s to provide comprehensive IPsec VPN, firewall, antivirus, and other key security functions for a mission critical voice/data project that connects its call center to 1,500 home-based call-center agents.

"We are especially honored to have earned this recognition from Internet Telephony Magazine," said Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing, Fortinet. "Our FortiGate platform is gaining recognition for its ability to provide reliable, high-performance, airtight security for converged applications. This award once again validates our strength in the converged voice/data applications sector in which we have attracted an increasing number of new customers this year."

For more information on Internet Telephony Magazine, go to www.tmcnet.com.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet, privately held and based in Santa Clara, Calif., enables enterprises and service providers to improve the security of their networks, reduce misuse and abuse, and better utilize network resources without compromising performance – at dramatically lower costs. Fortinet's FortiGate Series of NPGs breaks the Content Processing Barrier, delivering application-level services such as virus protection and content filtering along with firewall, VPN, intrusion detection and traffic shaping functions, as high-performance network services in dedicated, easily managed platforms. The FortiGate Series is powered by Fortinet's patent-pending FortiASIC™ content processing engine, providing the first and only systems with ASIC-accelerated, network-based antivirus protection.

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