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Fortinet's Network Protection Gateway Earns IPSec Certification From ICSA Labs

*Fortinet's ASIC-Powered Platforms are First to Achieve Dual Certification for
both IPSec and Antivirus by the ICSA*

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 7, 2002 — Fortinet – a provider of network protection systems and the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus solutions – announced today that its Network Protection Gateway (NPG) platform has earned Internet Protocol Security, or IPSec, certification from independent testing lab ICSA. This certification assures that Fortinet's FortiGate™ NPGs provide airtight security for virtual private networks (VPNs) and can interoperate with other certified IPSec-compliant products.

With this certification of the FortiGate 300, Fortinet becomes the only provider of a hardware-accelerated gateway device that is ICSA-certified for both IPSec and antivirus functions. This empowers the FortiGate Network Protection Gateway with a number of unique capabilities: For example, traffic from VPN tunnels can be screened in real time for viruses and worms, without impacting network performance, thereby preventing the spread of attacks that infect remote offices, mobile workers or extranet partners.

“ICSA Labs spent an exhaustive amount of time performing hands-on security, cryptographic and interoperability testing of the Fortinet platform with the ultimate goal of determining whether or not it provides the security services intended and that it meets our stringent criteria,” said George Japak, vice president at ICSA Labs. “Earning this certification is great validation of

Fortinet's robust security capabilities in surpassing superior levels of quality, reliability and trustworthiness."

The IPsec standard defines the means by which compliant products provide security and authenticity for data flowing over public networks via encryption, authentication and key management techniques. Proper implementation of the IPsec standard is essential to ensure that VPNs and the products that support them cannot be compromised. In many instances, such as extranets that involve multiple companies, products from different vendors will be deployed at the various sites that participate in a VPN. Interoperability between different vendors' IPsec implementations is therefore of paramount concern. IPsec certification by ICSA Labs provides greater assurance and ease of use for users who implement secure, interoperable VPNs using Fortinet Network Protection Gateways.

"In the security category, where the risk to vulnerability is extremely high, it's critical to have independent verification that your products actually do what you say they will," said Ken Xie, founder and CEO of Fortinet. "Fortinet's ICSA IPsec and AV certifications are highly regarded among our global customers who rely on ICSA to ensure that our platform has been certified according to the highest standards in industry."

The goal of ICSA Labs Product Certification is to significantly improve commercial computer trust and security. By undergoing comprehensive evaluations, Fortinet security products with the "ICSA Certified" mark of approval are recognized industry-wide to reduce security risks and offer some of the strongest network protection levels available.

About ICSA Labs (www.icsalabs.org)

ICSA Labs, an independent division of TruSecure Corporation, offers vendor-agnostic testing and certification of security products. Hundreds of the world's top security vendors submit their products for testing and certification at ICSA Labs. The end-users of security technologies rely on ICSA Labs to authoritatively set and apply objective testing and certification criteria for measuring product compliance and reliability.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet 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. Fortinet, founded by industry veteran Ken Xie who also founded Netscreen, is privately held and based in Santa Clara, Calif.

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