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FortiGate™ 400 Earns Prestigious Miercom “NetWORKS as Advertised” Endorsement

Independent tests confirm effectiveness of FortiGate anti-virus protection

San Jose, CA — July 29, 2002 — Fortinet, the premier provider of network protection systems, today announced that the FortiGate 400 Network Protection Gateway (NPG) has been awarded the prestigious “NetWORKS as Advertised” certification from Miercom, the leading independent test center. The tests, performed at Miercom’s test center in Princeton Junction, NJ, confirmed the FortiGate 400’s ability to detect and block harmful viruses and worms “in the network.” The Miercom testing also verified the FortiGate 400’s ease of deployment and manageability.

“The FortiGate platform is the only system we’ve seen that provides ASIC-based virus scanning and Web content filtering in addition to firewall, VPN, intrusion detection, and traffic shaping,” said Miercom president Rob Smithers. “We were extremely impressed with the FortiGate unit’s ability to detect and eliminate viruses and worms in real time. We also found the Web-based GUI to be extremely easy to use, making the FortiGate 400 surprisingly simple to deploy in a network environment. For these reasons, Fortinet has earned the Miercom “NetWORKS as Advertised” seal of approval.”

The FortiGate 400 was evaluated based on a methodology and test-bed developed by Miercom to assess these criteria: Installation and Ease of Use, Management and Administration, Configuration, Features, and Performance. During the testing, the FortiGate unit successfully detected and blocked viruses embedded in email messages as well as in Web pages, highlighting the FortiGate unit’s unique ability to provide low-latency, real-time content scanning.

“By integrating and enhancing the performance both of network-layer and application-layer functions, the FortiGate platforms represent a major step in the continuing evolution of network

protection,” said James Liu, director of product management at Fortinet. “This endorsement from Miercom validates our approach and assures our customers that Fortinet delivers world-class network security.”

About Miercom

Miercom, founded in 1988, is an independent networking consultancy and product test center located in Princeton Junction, NJ. The company pioneered the comparative assessment of networking hardware and software, having developed methodologies for testing products from ATM switches to voice-over-IP equipment. Miercom is the Business Communications Review preferred lab called upon for Best-in-Test reviews, and is a proud member of the Network World Test Alliance. Miercom is the undisputed leader in the independent networking validation industry, and sets the standard for credible, competent, unbiased, and realistic testing. Additional information on Miercom's reports and services can be found at www.mier.com.

About Fortinet

Fortinet, the premier provider of network protection systems, 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 industry-leading FortiGate Series of Network Protection Gateways (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. Developed by proven industry visionaries, the FortiGate Series is powered by Fortinet’s Accelerated Behavior and Content Analysis System (ABACAS™) technology, which includes the patent-pending FortiASIC™ content processing engine, enabling the FortiGate Series to usher in a new era of network protection services. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, Calif. The company's web address is <http://www.fortinet.com>.

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