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Norvergence to Integrate Fortinet's FortiGate™ High-Performance Antivirus Firewall Platforms in T1 Fortress™ Offering

Companies Combine Forces to Bring Complete Security to Their Rapidly Growing Customer Base

NEWARK, NJ and SUNNYVALE, Calif.-- May 24, 2004 – Norvergence, Inc., a Newark-based managed solutions and engineering company, and Fortinet -- the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection -- today announced they have entered into a strategic partnership. Norvergence will enhance its T1 Fortress™ security offering by integrating Fortinet's FortiGate Antivirus Firewalls to provide their customers with complete, high-performance security to protect against network and content-based threats. The service is expected to be rolled out to more than 1,000 growing businesses per month.

Content-based attacks on companies have been increasing in regularity and severity in recent years. The cost of cleanup, recovery and lost productivity can stretch into the hundreds of thousands of dollars for large companies; the effects on growing businesses can be devastating. The Norvergence T1Fortress™ creates a formidable defense against these attacks, preventing downtime, lost data and slow network performance.

The Norvergence T1 Fortress™ compliments the Norvergence Complete Communications System (CCS) and MATRIX™ Gateway to enable highly-secure voice/data communications for small and medium businesses. Norvergence will utilize

Fortinet's FortiGate systems in its T1 Fortress™ offering to deliver a comprehensive, highly-advanced network and content security solution that integrates antivirus, firewall, virtual private networking (VPN), intrusion prevention, intrusion detection, content-filtering and traffic shaping capabilities to detect and eliminate the most damaging and dangerous content-based threats at the network edges without degrading network performance. Additionally, these systems will be kept up-to-date against new attacks in real time, 24x7 via Fortinet's FortiProtect Network.

By using Fortinet's ASIC-based technology, the Norvergence T1 Fortress™ goes much further than the standard technology provided by conventional, "stateful inspection" firewalls. Stateful inspection only looks at the addresses of incoming data packets and cannot detect malicious content, leaving networks vulnerable to viruses, worms and other content-based or blended attacks. Conversely, Fortinet's technology analyzes each data stream in its entirety, reassembling the content and scanning it for signs of viruses or malicious code that could damage customers' networks. This Complete Content Protection happens in real time and without affecting network performance.

Steve Leibrock, Norvergence's CTO said, "Fortinet's' state-of-the-art technology will allow Norvergence to provide comprehensive security protection from malicious Internet behavior for our customers' IT infrastructure. Fortinet is truly one of the leaders in the field, and their technology combined with our T1 Fortress™ will enable Norvergence to become a leader in the Managed Security Services Provider (MSSP) space."

Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing at Fortinet, stated, "With network attacks growing in severity and frequency, few businesses have the in-house expertise to maintain effective protection, and none are willing to suffer performance delays in their high-speed networks in order to have it."

Kagan continued, "Fortinet's FortiGate Antivirus Firewalls deliver complete content protection without impacting network performance. Combined with Norvergence's managed service capabilities, our joint customers will enjoy fewer security breaches,

lower IT costs and demonstrable ROI. We are pleased to partner with Norvergence to enable customers to realize cost-effective high-speed network security.”

About Norvergence (www.norvergence.com)

Norvergence is a technology company providing advanced telecommunication and information technology solutions for growing businesses nationwide. Norvergence has current offerings that will drastically reduce customers’ total telecommunication and information technology monthly expenditures. Founded in 2001, Norvergence currently has close to 2,500 employees in 38 offices nationwide.

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 and the Security Product of the Year Award from Network Computing Magazine, are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the most damaging, content-based threats from e-mail and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. FortiGate systems are the only security products that are quadruple-certified by the ICSA (antivirus, firewall, IPSec, NIDS), and deliver a full range of network-level and application-level services in integrated, easily managed platforms. Named to the Red Herring Top 100 Private Companies, Fortinet is privately held and based in Sunnyvale, California.

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For more information on all of the Norvergence MATRIX™ Solution and T1 Fortress™, please visit: www.norvergence.com/.

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