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Toshiba Canada Chooses Fortinet for Branch Office VPN with Content Security

SANTA CLARA, Calif., May 20, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that Toshiba Canada, a wholly owned subsidiary of Toshiba Corp. (J.TOS), has selected FortiGate Antivirus Firewall platforms for an enterprise branch office VPN implementation connecting their Toronto-area headquarters with remote warehouse and distribution facilities.

Toshiba Canada was looking for a solution to the problems it was experiencing from legacy firewall technology that was inflexible, hard to configure and difficult to administer. Toshiba Canada selected the FortiGate solution for its ease of installation and management, high performance, and value-added capabilities that include antivirus and content filtering along with VPN functions in a single platform.

“There are many systems on the market that can provide VPN capabilities, and we’ve seen just about all of them,” said George Minich, manager of technical services, Toshiba of Canada Ltd. “What distinguished Fortinet’s products was the fact they provided content-level security – including real-time antivirus protection – along with solid VPN capabilities in a system that’s incredibly easy to install and manage. We’re getting better security with less administrative headaches with the FortiGate systems.”

The FortiGate Antivirus Firewall is deployed at the Toshiba Vancouver site's T1 gateway that provides Internet and corporate email access via a secure VPN tunnel that is screened in real time for viruses and worms, and also Web-based intranet services and mission critical applications such as order/entry. The fact that the Vancouver site is a high volume traffic connection also meant that a high performance solution like the FortiGate system, that is capable of gigabit throughput, was a major requirement.

"The unique architecture of the FortiGate platform means we can easily integrate new enterprise branch office connections with the most flexibility, reliability and scalability available in the security market today," said Christophe Culine, vice president, Fortinet North America. "Our goal at Fortinet is to offer enterprise customers the highest level of performance and manageability available and the Toshiba Canada installation is the embodiment of this goal."

About Toshiba of Canada (www.toshiba.ca)

Toshiba of Canada is a wholly owned subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation, one of the world's largest integrated manufacturers of electronic products and semiconductors. Toshiba of Canada serves the business, consumer, and medical markets with notebook computers, facsimiles, telephones, DVDs, VCRs, televisions and medical diagnostic equipment. Toshiba of Canada, Information Systems Group, is Canada's leading provider of mobile computer systems. Headquartered in Markham, Ontario, Toshiba has offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and Dartmouth.

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, with regional offices in Toronto and Vancouver, which also serves as Fortinet's distribution center.

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