



NET2S and Fortinet Partner to Address Latency and Security Challenges Within Finance Sector

LONDON, UK, October 20th, 2008 – NET2S - the leading international capital markets consultancy - today announced it has formed a partnership with the pioneer and leading provider of unified threat management solution, Fortinet®. The partnership focuses on delivering high value security and compliance solutions to the banking, investment management and insurance sectors.

“Security and compliance has been woven in the fabric of the way financial institutions conduct their business. Whether it’s accelerating electronic trading and market data, logging a transaction in a secure database, securing customer data, or reporting to the auditors the right information, these are challenges that Fortinet address” said Paul Judd, regional director for UK and Ireland at Fortinet.

NET2S provides strategic consultancy, optimises critical business flows and processes, and designs optimal architectures based on the selection of best of breed technologies - all based on real-life, hands-on experience of the implementation and operation of these solutions. By partnering with Fortinet, NET2S will be able to provide an enterprise security platform that enables businesses to increase their security whilst significantly improving performance and reducing cost.

“It has always been assumed that information security was a necessary impediment to our clients’ real-time business requirements; that it was the price to pay for safety and compliance,” said Frederic Ponzio, Managing Director of NET2S. “That fatalistic view has

been proven wrong by Fortinet. We thoroughly evaluated all the solutions in the market and Fortinet came out as the only technology really capable of providing the most stringent levels of security whilst significantly reducing latency.”

Purpose-built and integrated to provide total visibility and control, Fortinet’s award-winning solutions allow organisations to secure their environment and adhere to compliance whilst reducing the complexity and cost associated with traditional solutions. With FortiASIC acceleration, multiple FortiGate® secure gateways are enabled with support for 10-Gigabit Ethernet communications—enabling and protecting high-speed core and datacentre networks.

“Fortinet has a significant number of finance customers globally and we are consistently finding that increasing performance and reducing latency are key challenges”, said Paul Judd. “Increasing operational efficiency and realising a quick ROI have become even more important in recent times across the finance industry.”

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About NET2S www.net2s.co.uk

NET2S is a leading international business, management and technology consultancy specialising in capital markets. Since its creation in 1996, NET2S has built an impressive track record in consulting & advisory services, delivering complex projects and providing managed services. NET2S works with major sell and buy side firms, technology vendors, data providers and exchanges, with clients including over 50 global financial institutions, in particular 19 out of the 20 top investment banks. NET2S offers solutions for business critical systems across all asset classes, with particular focus on risk, electronic trading and data management.

The NET2S Security solution offerings provide a wide range of tools and services that empower customers to pro-actively monitor, audit and protect their systems from both inside malicious users and outside attacks.

NET2S is publicly quoted on EURONEXT and has over 950 full-time employees globally, with a comprehensive presence in Western Europe and North America.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet is the pioneer and leading provider of ASIC-accelerated unified threat management, or UTM, security systems, which are used by enterprises and service providers to increase their security while reducing total operating costs. Fortinet solutions were built from the ground up to integrate multiple levels of security protection--including firewall, antivirus, intrusion prevention, VPN, spyware prevention and anti-spam -- designed to help customers protect against network and content level threats. Leveraging a custom ASIC and unified interface, Fortinet solutions offer advanced security functionality that scales from remote office to chassis-based solutions with integrated management and reporting. Fortinet solutions have won multiple awards around the world and are the only security products that are certified in six programs by ICSA Labs (Firewall, Antivirus, IPSec, SSL, Network IPS and Anti-Spam). Fortinet is privately held and based in Sunnyvale, California.