



xDefenders, inc. Strengthens Network Security Offerings with the Addition of Fortinet Antivirus Firewall Platforms

Rochester, NY – March 12, 2005 – Today, xDefenders, of Rochester NY, announced it has been named a Premier Managed Security Service Provider (MSSP) Partner of Fortinet, Inc., the only provider of ASIC-accelerated, network based antivirus firewall systems for real time network protection. This prestigious designation enables xDefenders to partner with Fortinet at the highest levels to resell, support and service Fortinet solutions to their broad range of customers across the USA.

xDefenders will expand its business solutions portfolio to include Fortinet's FortiGate family of antivirus firewalls – enabling the company to provide its Municipal and Enterprise customers with leading edge network and content security solutions that best addresses today's sophisticated and dangerous Internet threat environment that has recently given way to wide-spread viruses and other attacks.

Internet attacks like Blaster, MyDoom, Sasser, and Netsky affect businesses large and small. Defeating these complex, blended threats requires complete content protection and real time performance. FortiGate Antivirus Firewall systems are complete network security solutions that protect against the growing number of costly, content-based threats at the network's edge, while delivering the highest possible performance. They combine antivirus, firewall, intrusion detection/ prevention, anti-spam, VPN, and Web content filtering in a single, easy to manage and cost-effective system. All FortiGate systems are kept up to date automatically through Fortinet's FortiProtect™ Network, which delivers continuous and automatic "push" updates that ensure protection against the latest viruses, worms, Trojans, and other threats — around the clock, and around the world.

“We are pleased to welcome xDefenders into our Partner Program. The Premier MSSP designation represents a strong commitment by both Fortinet and xDefenders to work closely together to address the complete security needs of customers in the Connecticut, New York, and surrounding area,” said Jens Andressen, Fortinet’s Vice President of World Wide Sales. “With Fortinet’s suite of high-perforamnce antivirus firewalls, xDefenders can deliver complete, cost-effective security ideally suited for their base of small and mid-sized business customers.”

About xDefenders (www.xDefenders.com)

xDefenders is a five year old Managed Security Service Provider (MSSP) that is based in Rochester, NY. xDefenders offers a Security Operations Center (SOC) and Network Operations Center (NOC) to support over 100 clients in 23 states. Intrusion Prevention and Intrusion Detection services and products are provided by xDefenders. Its focus markets are Financial Institutions, Heathcare, Government and Commercial.

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 2004 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 and Light Reading Top Ten Private Companies, Fortinet is privately held and based in Sunnyvale, California.

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