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Fortinet Revs Security for Auto Industry Supplier

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Aug. 12, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that a leading supplier of automotive leather interiors has upgraded its network security using the FortiGate™ Antivirus Firewall platform. Troy, Mich.-based Seton Company selected Fortinet systems to provide secure VPN tunnels at five locations for email, file sharing, remote access and ‘green-screen’ midrange computing connectivity to more than 700 users in its Americas division, and roughly another 500 users in its overseas divisions.

Seton has deployed FortiGate systems at remote sites in Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica and China, in addition to its primary IT hub in Saxton, Penn. In addition to a FortiGate 400 system in Saxton for perimeter security, Seton has deployed a FortiGate 200 system running in “transparent mode” to detect and eliminate content-based threats before they reach the company’s Exchange server. Each remote site supports VPN tunnels to the central site, and the content carried via each VPN tunnel is scanned for viruses, worms, and other content-base threats by the FortiGate units.

“We have a large number of mobile (laptop) users who were constantly having their systems infected with viruses while traveling, and it was becoming difficult to keep their virus definitions up to date. Our concern was having our internal systems infected

whenever these users attached to our network,” said Mike Grimm, CIO, Seton Company. “For our remote sites, this gives us an added layer of virus scanning, in addition to performance speeds for our global sites as if they were within the United States. All of this functionality for a competitive price makes the FortiGate solution a perfect fit.”

Seton is targeting three additional Fortinet-secured sites by year end that eventually will be configured into a fully meshed environment. To cover the diverse needs of different size offices, Seton is taking advantage of the many models available in Fortinet’s award-winning product line. FortiGate Antivirus Firewalls are based on a groundbreaking architecture designed specifically to deliver application-layer security and content processing services in addition to network-layer services in real time. All models in the 10-member FortiGate product family employ Fortinet’s unique FortiASIC™ content processing chip and the powerful, secure, FortiOS™ operating system to achieve breakthrough price/performance. The unique, ASIC-based architecture analyzes content and behavior in real time, and delivers a combination of services and performance that cannot be matched using conventional layer 3/layer 4 networking architectures or by deploying software applications on conventional computer systems.

“Across many industries and geographies, companies are looking for network security solutions that effectively deal with today’s content-based threats while maintaining real-time performance and delivering lower total ownership costs,” said Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing, Fortinet. “Seton is a great example of a company that is using the power of Fortinet’s products to improve its security and increase network performance while managing the bottom line.”

About Seton Company (www.setonco.com)

Seton Company, founded in 1906 and based in Troy, Mich., is the most vertically integrated automotive leather manufacturer in the industry. A leading provider of high quality leather products to Detroit, Seton’s growth has come through geographic expansion with global Tier One interior integrators and OEMs to the auto industry worldwide.

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.

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