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Elsag Datamat Selected Fortinet to Provide Broad Network Security for G8 Summit

FortiGate Multi-Threat Security Appliance Met Stringent Performance, Reliability and Ease of Management Requirements

SUNNYVALE, CA, Feb 09, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Fortinet(R) (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a leading network security provider and worldwide leader of unified threat management (UTM) solutions -- today announced that Elsag Datamat deployed Fortinet's FortiGate(R) multi-threat appliance to provide multi-gigabit performance and broad network security for the most recent G8 summit, which took place in Italy. Elsag Datamat, a Finmeccanica company, is one of the world's leading industrial conglomerates and the first Italian industrial group in the high-technology sector.

Elsag Datamat was given the responsibility of defining and implementing the complete security framework for the G8 summit. The network protection of this internationally recognized event fell under the responsibility of E-Security, a division of Elsag Datamat, which specializes in IT security solutions. The company was looking for an integrated network security solution, which could offer high performance and reliability as well as ease of management for the Summit.

E-Security approached Fortinet to help with the Summit's security infrastructure and chose to deploy the FortiGate-3600A multi-threat security appliance. With ten Gigabit Ethernet interfaces and up to 6 Gbps of throughput, the FortiGate-3600A presented multi-gigabit capacity and provided the high-performance protection required for the event. The FortiGate appliance provided the following security functionalities:

- -- Network perimeter protection including firewall, IPS, Web content filtering and antivirus;
- -- Segmentation of network structures of the wired and wireless areas and definition of trusted/untrusted profiles policies on individual areas;
- -- High levels of protection and availability of all the critical network components (server, multimedia streaming, G8 Web portal); and
- -- High availability of the secured G8 Summit Internet connection.

"Our selection of the FortiGate-3600A model was driven by our long-standing confidence in the FortiGate product line. For us, performance, reliability and ease of use were extremely important criteria to help secure an event such as the G8 summit," said Mirco Rampazzo, project development and security engineer at E-Security. "The Fortinet solution proved to be the most effective as all the security functionalities could be handled through the same vendor. With the Fortinet solution, we only had to interact with one vendor rather than multiple third parties and, therefore, we benefitted from significantly higher response times."

By selecting Fortinet, E-Security was also able to utilize the virtualization capabilities of the FortiGate-3600A to secure the G8 Web portal. In fact, the FortiGate-3600A virtual domains were used to virtualize, separate and distribute multi-layer security through the various components of the portal: the application, the Web and the database.

E-Security leveraged Fortinet's FortiAnalyzer(TM) centralized reporting appliance for the logging and analysis of security events that happened during the G8 summit. In total 1,100,000 security events and 1,050,000 correlated security events were received and analyzed during the event.

"We are very proud to have been given the opportunity to support such a prestigious and internationally recognized event such as the G8 Summit, which required the highest levels of security performance and reliability," said Patrice Perche, international vice president of sales and support at Fortinet. "Our proven expertise in network security and the robustness of our solutions were an ideal fit for the advanced security strategy developed by Elsag Datamat for the G8."

About FortiGate

Fortinet's FortiGate systems are ASIC-accelerated security appliances that integrate core security and network functionalities including firewall, SSL and IPSec VPN, antivirus, intrusion prevention, Web filtering, antispam, application control, data loss prevention, SSL traffic inspection and WAN optimization. All FortiGate systems are kept up to date automatically by Fortinet's FortiGuard(R) Network, which helps protect against the most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, other unwanted network traffic and more -- around the clock and around the world. Fortinet

solutions have won multiple awards and are the only security products that are certified in five programs by ICSA Labs for firewall, antivirus, IPSec VPN, network IPS and antispam.

About Fortinet (<u>www.fortinet.com</u>)

Fortinet (NASDAQ: FTNT) is a worldwide provider of network security appliances and the market leader in unified threat management (UTM). Our products and subscription services provide broad, integrated and high-performance protection against dynamic security threats while simplifying the IT security infrastructure. Our customers include enterprises, service providers and government entities worldwide, including the majority of the 2009 Fortune Global 100. Fortinet's flagship FortiGate product delivers ASIC-accelerated performance and integrates multiple layers of security designed to help protect against application and network threats. Fortinet's broad product line goes beyond UTM to help secure the extended enterprise -- from endpoints, to the perimeter and the core, including databases and applications. Fortinet is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., with offices around the world.

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