Banco do Brasil Counts on Fortinet Integrated Security for Firewall, VPN and Intrusion Prevention

Consolidated Security Approach Helps Protect From Multi-Threat Network Attacks and Enable Secure Customer Self-Service at Global 500 Company

SUNNYVALE, CA, Feb 03, 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 Banco do Brasil, a $44 billion and Global 500 company, has deployed Fortinet's FortiGate(R) multi-threat appliances designed for firewall, intrusion prevention (IPS) and virtual private network (VPN) protection at its Brazilian headquarters and 145 locations throughout the country. Banco do Brasil has also deployed Fortinet's FortiManager(TM) management and reporting appliance and FortiAnalyzer(TM) analysis solution to help monitor and analyze network activity and attempted attacks.

Banco do Brasil is deploying Fortinet's FortiGate platform for its consolidated approach to network security, ease of administration and performance-accelerated ASIC-based solution which can process large amounts of traffic without degrading network performance, according to the public RFP requirements and after a great dispute with competitors. With integrated security functionalities in each of the FortiGate-3600A, -311B and -110C solutions installed, Banco do Brasil can add or remove features without having to add additional devices and without having to overhaul its network infrastructure. The NCT Informatica, Fortinet's Platinum Channel and Authorized Training Center, is responsible for the sale, training, services and support of all the platforms in the customer environment.

Nine enterprise-class FortiGate-3600A appliances are located at Banco do Brasil's headquarters and are connected to the bank's branch offices to help provide secure and accelerated VPN connectivity. In addition, the FortiGate appliances are being used to help secure self-service applications -- both at branch locations and via the Internet -- such as ATM machines for deposits, withdrawals and payments.

Also located at the bank's headquarters are 80 FortiGate-311B appliances deployed in high availability mode. The appliances are being used to help protect the bank's datacenter. To manage and analyze the 80 devices, the bank has deployed two FortiManager-3000 appliances and two FortiAnalyzer-2000A appliances.

Each of the 145 bank locations has two FortiGate-110C appliances deployed in high availability mode. The FortiGate appliances are being used for firewall, IPS and VPN protection. Now, the branches can connect back to the main office in a secure fashion, while protecting critical customer information such as bank account balances and personal information.

Banco do Brasil's distributed network requires easy management and analysis of the network. Two FortiManager-3000 appliances are deployed at the bank's headquarters along with two FortiAnalyzer-2000A appliances. The FortiManager appliances enable the application of rules quickly and effectively throughout the distributed network without having to do truck rolls to visit each remote location. The FortiAnalyzer appliances are eliminating the number of duplicate or inconsistent rules. Bank employees at remote sites do not have to be technically proficient if there are network changes that are needed. Rather, the IT staff at the bank's Brasilia's headquarters can easily and seamlessly make network changes to all locations at a general change or by each individual bank.

"Fortinet's deployment at the Banco do Brasil is evidence of the effectiveness of the FortiGate systems in large, widely distributed enterprises that need broad, world-class network security," said Pedro Paixao, vice president, Latin America for Fortinet. "Individual point products today are cumbersome, expensive and often ineffective against the current multi-threat environment, which requires a multi-layered security approach in which Fortinet specializes."

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 (www.fortinet.com)

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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