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NCP becomes OEM supplier for Watchguard Technologies

Technological experience makes NCP a best-in-class provider for Watchguard

NUREMBERG/SEATTLE, November 15th 2007 – NCP engineering GmbH, a German provider of communications solutions and Watchguard Technologies, a global provider of network security solutions, have formed a strategic OEM alliance. Under their agreement, NCP will supply Watchguard with VPN client software to replace the current "Mobile User VPN" client.

"We are very excited to be teaming with NCP in providing our customers with the most robust, highly secure security solutions available today," said Eric Aarrestad, Vice President of Marketing at WatchGuard. *"Network security is a dynamic and ever-evolving challenge for businesses. NCP's flexibility, speed to market and industry expertise gives WatchGuard an ideal supplier to address these challenges and bring cutting edge security solutions to market in unprecedented speed."*

NCP Secure Client is a communication package designed for universal application in any remote access VPN environment. It offers comprehensive security functions: IPSec tunnelling, encryption using AES or 3-DES, expanded authentication (Xauth, EAP), support for digital certificates and hardware tokens, an integrated stateful inspection firewall with situation-dependent firewall rules and "friendly net detection" for automatic recognition of secure and non-secure networks. The client also has an automatic, secure WLAN log-in while the matching profile for the current WLAN is activated in the background, e.g. at the hotspot.

"NCP already supports numerous OEM partnerships with leading European manufacturers of VPN components. Their cooperation with Watchguard underlines NCP's claim internationally as well to a leading position in the area of VPN technology," comments Peter Söll, Managing Director of NCP Engineering GmbH.

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About NCP:

NCP Engineering GmbH, founded in 1986 with headquarters in Nürnberg, develops highly secure communication software for companies, government agencies, organizations and carriers. NCP focuses on connecting stationary and mobile end devices, branch-office and subsidiary networks. The Internet, public dial-in networks, local networks, and wireless LANs serve as transmission paths. Core competencies lie in the areas of IP routing, communication in dial-in networks, central management of remote PCs, as well as encryption and VPN technologies. The company offers application-neutral and industry-neutral security solutions for any remote access environment based on its Secure Communications product line. In addition NCP product technology guarantees integration and compatibility with products from other manufacturers. NCP solutions are sold, integrated and serviced by certified partners.

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About WatchGuard Technologies

Since 1996, WatchGuard Technologies have offered "best-in-class network security solutions" for enterprise and small-to-medium sized businesses and have since joined the worldwide market leaders in unified threat management (UTM) security products. Based on tried and true firewall and VPN technologies, the Firebox-X series of products from WatchGuard represent the industry's best combination of maximum security, user-friendliness and customer support for SMEs. The IT security provider, located in Seattle (USA), has numerous offices in North America, Europe, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific area.

More information: www.watchguard.com