F5 Networks and Fujitsu Siemens Computers in Strategic Alliance

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Joint solution implements F5's iControl™ API (Application Program Interface)and F5's Internet Traffic and Content Management products at Competence Center of Fujitsu Siemens Computers

F5 Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: FFIV), the leading provider of Internet Traffic and Content Management (iTCM) products, today announced its alliance with Fujitsu Siemens Computers, Munich, in which F5 and Fujitsu Siemens Computers will work together in the xSP-market. The xSP market includes a wide and growing range of all service providers, including application service providers (ASPs) and management service providers (MSPs), Internet service providers infrastructure service providers, network service providers NSPs, and independent software vendors. Fujitsu Siemens Computers will immediately integrate F5's iTCM products in its xSP-framework. FSC's server architecture is based on Intel (PRIMERGY) and also on SPARC/SOLARIS (PRIMEPOWER).

"A determining factor of success, for service providers especially, is obtaining a high degree of availability. Fujitsu Siemens Computers is well known for meeting the highest demands in business critical computing. The integration of F5 products will provide our customers best of breed solutions," said Thomas Schäfer, director service providers at Fujitsu Siemens Computers. "The management of a data center necessitates technical know-how and an explicit knowledge of the market. In our centers, customers not only can learn about innovations and new appliances, they can also try out proven solutions, which are certified ASP-readyTM by Fujitsu Siemens Computers."

F5's local and global load balancing solutions enabled through F5's iControl architecture will be implemented in all ten European Competence Centers of Fujitsu Siemens Computers, allowing potential customers to learn first-hand about new state-of the-art developments in traffic and content management. Furthermore, customers can find out the specific technology required for the implementation and the optimisation of their data center. F5's iTCM products and iControl™ deliver a high level of integration into the system infrastructure of service providers.

"Through iControl, the network informs applications and the application instructs the network, eliminating the need to manually manage the two. F5 Networks is delivering products supported by a powerful open architecture so that customers can deploy today. iControl facilitates secure communication between F5 products, servers, applications and the network. It has been designed to give enterprises and service providers control over Internet traffic and content delivery," said Nigel Ashworth, EMEA Technical Director, F5 Networks.

"This strategic alliance combines the market access of Fujitsu Siemens Computers with F5 Networks' renowned iTCM products," said Michael Frohn, general manager Central Europe at F5 Networks. "Through this combination, along with the ability to show customers practical, hands-on solutions, we are expecting to achieve a clear market advantage."

About Fujitsu Siemens Computers:

Fujitsu Siemens Computers is the leading European computer company and offers one of the world's most complete product and solution portfolios. Its world-leading technology and innovative IT products span the entire range of personal computing and enterprise computing needs. With extensive manufacturing facilities in Germany and more than 7,000 employees serving our customers, the company operates in 25 countries across Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Fujitsu Siemens Computers offers unrivalled expertise in enterprise computing with best-in-class Intel- and Unix-based servers, mainframes and enterprise storage solutions. The company is also one of the leading providers of professional PCs, notebooks and workstations to business customers, and is Europe's leading supplier of PCs for home users and small offices.

Fujitsu Siemens Computers is jointly owned by Fujitsu Limited and Siemens AG, and benefits from the combined strengths and innovation of its parent companies. The global cooperation between Fujitsu and Siemens provides access to a worldwide network of service and integration partners as well as more than 80,000 specialists dedicated to the Fujitsu Siemens Computers product and solutions portfolio.

The company has clearly defined its strategic direction, focusing on Business Critical Computing and Mobility solutions as the key drivers of the eBusiness and the Internet age. Business Critical Computing builds on the core competencies of Fujitsu Siemens Computers and guarantees extremely scalable, secure and always-on IT infrastructures for both current and future eBusiness environments. The company is also addressing the dramatically increasing demand for advanced solutions that support the mobility of users with anytime access to Internet services and applications - independent of location and device.

For further information, please visit: http://www.fujitsu-siemens.com

About F5 Networks

F5 Networks is the leader in Internet Traffic and Content Management (iTCM), and delivers application aware networks through its open Internet Control Architecture. F5 features the industry's leading set of integrated products and services that manage, control and optimise Internet traffic and content. Our solutions automatically and intelligently deliver the best possible Internet performance, availability and content distribution for service providers, enterprises and e-businesses. Our products remove bandwidth congestion and optimise the availability and speed of mission-critical Internet servers and applications, including web publishing, content delivery, e-commerce, caching, firewalls and more. Our solutions are widely deployed in large enterprises, the top service providers, financial institutions, government agencies, healthcare, and portals throughout the world. The company is headquartered in Seattle, Washington, and has offices throughout North America, Europe and Asia Pacific.

F5 Networks is located on the web at http://www.f5.com

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