SonicWALL Appoints Michael Stewart Vice President Of Worldwide Sales

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SonicWALL, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNWL), a leading provider of integrated Internet security solutions, today announced that Michael M. Stewart has been named vice president of worldwide sales, effective immediately. Stewart brings 25 years of networking sales management experience to SonicWALL, including consistent, demonstrated success in creating new worldwide channels, forming strategic partnerships, and generating significant revenue growth.

"I am very pleased to welcome Mike to our executive team," said Matthew Medeiros, SonicWALL president and CEO. "Rounding out the executive management team with strong sales leadership is a critical step in our revitalisation process. Mike has a proven track record of developing channel-driven business both domestically and internationally, which will be an invaluable asset to SonicWALL."

Medeiros added, "Mike's first goal will be to drive the SonicWALL business to new levels in Europe and Asia. As we further develop our product and service offerings, he will expand our channel infrastructure to reach new markets worldwide."

"I'm excited to join Matt and the SonicWALL team; the excitement and anticipation inside the company are reminiscent of my early days in Internet security," Stewart said. "SonicWALL's history as a channel-focused company, its strong market share position, and its growth opportunity in international markets make it an ideal fit for my strengths and experience. I look forward to contributing to the continued development of SonicWALL's worldwide channels and partnerships."

Stewart was previously the vice president of worldwide sales at Minerva Networks, Inc., where he extended the global channel infrastructure, enabling the sale of Minerva's solutions to Fortune 500 and Global 2000 customers. Prior to joining Minerva, he served as the vice president of worldwide sales and service for Cylink Corporation, a provider of e-business security solutions based in Santa Clara, California, where he increased revenues by 61 percent in a two-year period and grew international revenues by 250 percent. Before Cylink, Stewart was president and CEO of Escalate Networks in Fremont, California. He also served as vice president of the Advanced Technology Team at Santa Clara-based Bay Networks, a leader in the networking market. Stewart holds a degree in marketing management and is also a Vietnam-era veteran.

About SonicWALL, Inc.
SonicWALL, Inc. is a leading provider of integrated Internet security appliances offering access security, transaction security and security services for the enterprise, e-commerce, SMB, education, healthcare and government markets. Core technologies include firewall, VPN, SSL, high availability, anti-virus, and content filtering. Together, these products and technologies provide the most comprehensive Distributed Security Architecture available. SonicWALL, Inc. is headquartered in Sunnyvale, CA. SonicWALL trades on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol SNWL. For more information, contact SonicWALL at +44 (0)1344 668090 or visit the company Web site at http://www.sonicwall.com.

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