

SonicWALL Expands Security, Enhances Productivity for Mobile Workforce

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London, UK – January 29, 2003 – SonicWALL, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNWL), a leading provider of integrated security, productivity and mobility solutions, today launched the new SonicWALL Global Security Client, extending the company's distributed enforcement architecture to enhance mobile and remote access security for the protection of the corporate network. The new platform features SonicWALL's easy-to-use Global VPN Client integrated with its new Distributed Security Client, a managed client firewall.

The distributed enforcement architecture is the security foundation for SonicWALL's customers. It provides customers with an integrated solution of appliances, services and software clients to give IT administrators a single, easy-to-manage security architecture for corporate networks. The Global Security Client platform augments the architecture with gateway-managed firewall policies and application security for remote and mobile workers.

According to Infonetics Research, the percentage mobile workers in North America using VPNs is expected to grow from 59% in 2003 to 74% in 2005.* Most businesses today recognize the importance of enabling network access to employees on the road while maintaining a high level of security for the corporate network. Mobile workers need to check e-mail, retrieve files stored on the network and access Intranets and Extranets. Currently, administrators are forced to piece together various standalone products to provide security, policy management and authentication for mobile and remote workers accessing the network. With SonicWALL's core distributed enforcement architecture integrated with the Global Security Client, network administrators have a single, easily managed solution to protect the network from outside threats and to enforce business and network policies such as access controls, and the use of applications that drain productivity, such as Instant Messaging.

SonicWALL's Global Security Client communicates directly with the gateway appliance at the central site, requiring mobile workers to comply with mandated security measures prior to logging on to the corporate network. As soon as the mobile user is authenticated at the gateway, the latest security and firewall policy updates are automatically transmitted and configured to the Global Security Client residing on the mobile computer. Concurrently, any software upgrades to the Global Security Client itself are also instantaneously updated.

Using SonicWALL's easy-to-deploy, easy-to-use interface, employees and network resources can be segmented into groups and assigned specific policies for Internet use and network access by individual user. With the Global Security Client, the distributed enforcement architecture can control not just networks of security appliances but the mobile workers accessing the system.

Additionally, businesses can save themselves from exposure to dynamic security risks, such as worm

outbreaks that target open ports. All Global Security Clients can be ordered to immediately block the targeted ports to prevent infestation and further propagation of the worm.

“Businesses worldwide are recognizing the productivity benefits inherent in having a more mobile workforce,” noted Matt Medeiros, SonicWALL’s president and CEO. “SonicWALL’s distributed enforcement architecture allows businesses to realize those productivity gains while addressing the reasonable concerns of network administrators over security issues. Mobility doesn’t have to equate to an insecure network, and the fully integrated SonicWALL Global Security Client will enable businesses to reap the mobility and productivity rewards of utilizing offsite workers.”

Product Features and Benefits:

- Multi-pronged Protection

The SonicWALL Global Security Client extends the boundaries of security by protecting the corporate network and remote/mobile workers from attacks that occur over the Internet through integrated client firewall technology.

- Enhanced Application Security

The SonicWALL Global Security Client provides an additional layer of security by protecting businesses against potential liability that may occur when employees accidentally or intentionally run applications from the Internet that have been designated as “untrusted” by the network administrator.

- Policy Management

SonicWALL’s distributed enforcement architecture enables network administrators to create, distribute and manage global security policies for remote and mobile users from a central location. Once a new policy has been created, it is seamlessly distributed to every system on the network with no end-user interaction required. Configuration options include specifying the minimum application version, policy levels and behavior for clients not in compliance.

- Gateway Enforcement

The SonicWALL Global Security Client is enforced at the gateway, ensuring the end-user’s system is in compliance before access to network resources is granted. Users without the Global Security Client installed on their system are redirected to a download site where they must install the client before being granted access.

- Scalable Architecture

The SonicWALL Global Security Client is integrated into a unique client/gateway enforcement architecture that delivers comprehensive security, scaling from individual telecommuters and mobile workers up to

larger, more diverse deployments with a worldwide mobile workforce.

Pricing and Availability

The SonicWALL Global Security Client will be available in February through SonicWALL distribution channels. Annual subscription prices start at £180 for five users, £291 for ten users, £488 for 25 users, and £1176 for 100 users. For more information, please visit the SonicWALL web site at www.sonicwall.com/products/index.html.

About SonicWALL, Inc.

SonicWALL, Inc. is a leading provider of integrated network security, identity, mobility, and productivity solutions for the SMB, enterprise, e-commerce, education, healthcare, retail/point-of-sale, and government markets. Core technologies include firewall, VPN, wireless, SSL, anti-virus, and content filtering, along with award-winning security management solutions. 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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