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SS8 Networks Welcomes Five New Partners to Partner Program

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Feb. 24, 2004 — SS8 Networks, a leading developer of signaling and enhanced services to telecommunication service providers, announced today that five new partners have joined its partner program. The new members include Acme Packet, fiducianet Inc., Navtel Communications, ProQuent Systems and Top Layer Networks. Each company uniquely contributes to enhanced security of communications networks or applications and to meeting legal and governmental obligations on a global scale.

SS8 Networks is a recognized leader in providing lawful intercept security solutions for telecom operators and governmental agencies. SS8's Xcipio™ product supports lawful intercept requirements for both domestic and international markets as well as multiple delivery standards for traditional circuit-switched (wireless and wireline), next-generation packet, ISP and hybrid networks.

“Communications security and monitoring are critical to governments and telecom operators around the world,” said Paul Tinney, vice president and general manager, SS8 Networks. “There are a myriad of elements to be considered in deploying these solutions – including technology, testing, intelligence and legal obligations. We’ve brought together the best-in-class suppliers in this industry to expand and simplify the solutions available.”

The SS8 Networks Partner Program was created to empower solution providers to cultivate and expand their core business offerings and, with SS8 Networks, to meet the expressed needs of the security community. Members typically possess expertise in the security field, often maintaining solid relationships with complementary security vendors. However, all solution providers, regardless of technology concentration, are invited to apply for membership.

Company profiles for the new members are featured below:

Acme Packet (www.acmepacket.com) enables network service providers to deliver premium, interactive communications – voice, video and multimedia sessions – across IP network borders. Their award-winning Net-Net family of session border controllers satisfies critical security, service assurance and law enforcement requirements in wireline, wireless and cable networks. The Net-Net products are deployed in over 30 production networks worldwide, spanning all application areas – service provider IP peering, hosted IP services and voice ASP services – and all protocols – SIP, H.323 and MGCP.

fiducianet Inc. (www.fiducianet.biz) is a full-service outsourcing contractor for the management of a carrier's compliance with subpoenas, court orders and all of its obligations under lawful electronic surveillance law, including CALEA, USA PATRIOT Act, ECPA, T-III and FISA.

Navtel Communications (www.navtelcom.com) is a global provider of leading-edge network test solutions for the converged mobile and fixed network industries. Navtel's solutions enable manufacturers and service providers to perform comprehensive automated testing of both signaling and data planes, using a progressive methodology that includes functional, conformance, interoperability, performance and scalability testing. Navtel's high-performance test platform provides data identification and extraction capabilities for ATM, POS and Gigabit Ethernet networks.

ProQuent Systems (www.proquent.com) offers an IP mobile services switching point (MSSP™), the first in a new class of network element that gives wireless network operators the ability to monitor in real-time services, sessions and flows and invoke services based on the content. These capabilities enable the wireless operator to now adhere to key security requirements. In tandem with SS8, the ProQuent solution can identify users in the mobile network and redirect an undetectable, parallel session to SS8, where security handling, such as surveillance, can be deployed.

Top Layer Networks (www.toplayer.com) is a market-leading provider of Network Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS), developing and bringing to market network security infrastructure solutions that help commercial and government organizations protect their critical on-line assets from the losses and risks associated with cyber threats. Top Layer is also a pioneer and a market leader in the IP Interception appliance market.

About SS8 Networks

SS8 Networks engineers a complete range of signaling solutions and enhanced service applications that enable service providers to profitably operate converged, hybrid networks – bridging PSTN and IP capabilities. The company's carrier-class products allow network operators to optimize their investment in traditional, legacy networks and seamlessly transition to next-generation networks. The company headquarters is located in San Jose, California. More information is available at www.SS8.com.

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