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Aventail MobileVPN and PartnerVPN Include Granular Access Controls and Support

    For Multiple Authentication and Encryption Methods

SEATTLE, May 2 /PRNewswire/ -- Aventail Corporation announced today the availability of the industry's only standards-based Virtual Private Network (VPN) software solutions. Aventail MobileVPN and Aventail PartnerVPN for Windows NT will begin shipping today and pricing starts at $4,995. UNIX versions will be available at the end of this month.

Aventail MobileVPN and Aventail PartnerVPN enable organizations to securely communicate over the Internet, allowing companies to extend the reach of their corporate intranet to customers, partners, remote offices, and mobile employees. Aventail's adherence to standards simplifies VPN deployment, enables interoperability, and leverages corporations' existing network investments.

"Aventail has moved the concept of a VPN to the next level. They are the only company providing a highly secure circuit-level solution that is deployable over existing network infrastructure and has the ability to work with a variety of authentication and encryption technologies," says Ira Machefsky, vice president at Giga Information Group.

The Only Standards-Based VPN Product

Aventail MobileVPN and Aventail PartnerVPN are the first VPN solutions based on SOCKS v5, an open Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standard. SOCKS is a distributed network security standard that represents the next-generation of Internet security. The SOCKS protocol has received widespread support from leading Internet vendors, including Netscape (Nasdaq: NSCP), Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT), IBM (NYSE: IBM), Sterling Software (NYSE: SSW), NetManage (Nasdaq: NETM), FTP Software (Nasdaq: FTPS), and Pointcast. NEC USA, Incorporated has been the driving force behind SOCKS with the vision that it would be the most important communication technology for the Internet.

Powerful Security and Management Tools

Aventail MobileVPN and Aventail PartnerVPN are the only products to support all of the popular authentication and encryption methods, such as SSL, DES, TripleDES, CHAP, RC4, MD4, MD5, and RADIUS. Other features include:

* Access Control Tool allows the IS administrator to specify access based on destination, source, application usage, type of encryption and/or authentication, and specific filtering profiles.

* Protocol Filtering blocks specific JAVA, ActiveX or any other application that could demand too much bandwidth or infect the network with a virus.

* Content Filtering blocks out objectionable content that may interfere with employee productivity.

* Traffic Monitor shows real-time inbound and outbound traffic through a graphical interface.

* Reporting and Logging Tool monitors and logs server activity so that reports can easily be produced from any SQL supported database.

* Administration Tool enables IS managers to easily configure the server and add or modify security or management modules.

Product Demonstrations at Networld+Interop

Aventail will be conducting product demonstrations in Booth 1710 at Networld+Interop in Las Vegas from May 6th to 8th.

About Aventail

Aventail Corporation is the leading developer of Virtual Private Network (VPN) solutions. Aventail software allows organizations to build session- layer VPNs so corporations can privately communicate with mobile employees, remote offices, and business partners. Aventail's standards-based products represent the next-level of secure communication by providing strong authentication and encryption, customizable access controls, comprehensive monitoring, logging and reporting capabilities.

Aventail offers four security solutions: Aventail MobileVPN, Aventail PartnerVPN, Aventail Internet

Policy Manager (IPM), and Aventail AutoSOCKS. Aventail MobileVPN enables mobile or remote employees to have secure and managed access into the corporate network. Aventail PartnerVPN allows a company to extend their network to customers, suppliers, remote offices or corporate partners. Aventail IPM allows corporations to control and implement their Internet security policies. Aventail AutoSOCKS enables client TCP/IP applications to securely traverse existing SOCKS-based firewalls and servers.

The company has offices in Seattle, Washington and can be contacted by phone: 888-SOCKSV5 (762-5785), fax: 206-777-5656, or email: info@aventail.com. Aventail's Web address is www.aventail.com.

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