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Effnet, Provider of Industry's Fastest Routers and Firewalls, Teams up with SSH Communications Security for IPsec Technology

(Espoo, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden, July 14, 1999) - SSH Communications Security and Effnet Group AB today announced a major licensing agreement for SSH's IPSEC Express. The software will be incorporated in Effnet's router and firewall product line. As outcome of this cooperation, Effnet will provide its customers with the industry's fastest and most secure firewall and IP (Internet Protocol) routing solutions with standards-based IPsec functionality.

Effnet technology has been designed to break the speed barriers associated with routing and firewall activity. This, combined with SSH's IPSEC technology, one of the industry's most reliable IPsec implementations designed for securing next generation IP, brings out an ideal solution for large companies and organizations requiring high reliability and top performance.

"SSH IPSEC Express does not only have the best IPsec technology tested, but it has other major benefits as well. It is transparent and delivered as source code, which makes it possible to integrate SSH IPsec with Effnet's core technology without making a tradeoff between security and performance" says Tomas Althén, CEO of Effnet.

"Both our companies have innovation as a basis of our solutions, that is why we see this cooperation as an opportunity to learn from each other's expertise," says Tatu Ylönen, President and CEO of SSH Communications Security "Speed of networking is a major need for today's communications and Effnet is leading the way in this field. We are very proud that SSH IPsec Express will be an important part of Effnet's revolutionary technology."

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About Effnet

Effnet was established in the spring of 1997 based on the revolutionary results of a research project at Luleå University of Technology in Sweden. These results are the foundation of the Effnet algorithm.

Effnet now has 45 employees and is expanding rapidly. Research and development is based in Luleå. In 1998, the company opened sales and marketing offices in Boston, Massachusetts and an additional office in Stockholm, Sweden. The company's technology has been field tested and proven via a line of firewall products initially marketed exclusively in Sweden. Server-based, PCI add-on products based on Effnet's algorithm will become available in the United States in Q3 of 1999.

Effnet's mission is to develop and market multifunction networking products that deliver outstanding performance at affordable prices. By using highly efficient algorithms and data structures, Effnet technology breaks conventional performance barriers for table-lookups and filtering operations delivering low cost but high performance networking and telecommunications "accelerators" for PC and web servers, and turn-key routing and security solutions.

Effnet Group AB shares are publicly traded on Stockholm Stock Exchange's New Market (EFFN). Additional information about Effnet is available through the Web at www.effnet.com or by contacting the Sales and Marketing office in Stockholm, Sweden at +46 8 5646 0550 or in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, at +1 508 650 3412.

About SSH Communications Security

Founded in 1995, SSH Communications Security Ltd. is the world's leading supplier of IP security software technologies for demanding IP network security solutions. SSH provides best of breed authentication and cryptography for secure Internet communications. The company's SSH Secure Shell application has become the de facto standard for secure logins, and is being used by over a million users in more than 50 countries. Adopted by numerous Internet infrastructure suppliers, including Sun Microsystems and Lucent Technologies, SSH's IPSEC Express is the world's leading toolkit for IPsec (Internet Protocol Security) and IKE (Internet Key Exchange) system solutions. For more information, please visit our web sites at www.ssh.fi or www.ipsec.com, or contact SSH Sales in Espoo, Finland, at +358 9 4354 3205, or in Mountain View, California, USA, at +1 650 404 0160.