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PRESS RELEASE

EFFNET GRANTED PATENT FOR FIREWALL TECHNOLOGY Innovative packet classification method protected

Effnet [EFFN on "Nya Marknaden"] has been granted a patent from the Swedish Patent Office for its revolutionary packet classification technology. The patent secures Effnet's technological leadership in embedded technology for optimized Internet Protocol (IP) packet processing, thereby recognizing the superiority of Effnet's algorithm-based solutions for high-performance firewalls and routers.

"We are extremely pleased that the Patent Office has confirmed and protected our intellectual property in network processing and Internet infrastructure development," said Tony Svensson, Effnet CEO. "This patent allows us to move forward even more aggressively in licensing our EffnetEdge™ Toolkit modules to manufacturers of network components and systems."

By preventing competitors from creating clones of Effnet's best-in-class technology, the Swedish Patent Office has strengthened Effnet's ability to continually maintain and increase its competitive advantage. This latest patent specifically protects Effnet's technology for efficiently classifying individual IP packets according to a general set of classification rules. The patented technology allows firewalls to both filter and route IP packet traffic at the same speed as the much less complicated task of routing alone.

"We are very happy that this patent has been granted since it covers the essential part of our packet classification and firewall technology," said Svante Carlsson, an Effnet founder and co-inventor of the patented technology. "It also proves to us that we are far ahead of any competitor, and strongly indicates this patent will be granted worldwide."

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EffnetEdge™ Toolkit and Technology Partner Program

Effnet partners closely with its licensees to integrate the EffnetEdge Toolkit technology modules into their component chip or system designs. Through Effnet's Technology Partner Program (TPP), which offers the EffnetEdge Toolkit and products like DBB CD-ROM media protection, licensees can utilize parts, or the whole, of the Effnet technology platform.

About Effnet

Effnet innovates and licenses award-winning key technologies that resolve data speed, efficiency and security challenges in Internet Protocol (IP) networking and IT security. Effnet's modular IP packet processing technology -- the EffnetEdge™ Toolkit -- as well as its complete firewall and router technology for hardware manufacturers, enable optimized performance. The wholly owned subsidiary, Wkit, offers data encryption and copy protection technologies, and security audit services for public and private sector companies. With more than 75 employees, the company operates in Stockholm, Luleå and Håverud, Sweden, and in Silicon Valley, California. Effnet Group AB shares are traded on Sweden's Nya Marknaden (symbol: EFFN). Read more about Effnet at www.effnet.com. Read about Wkit at www.wkit.com.

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