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Media Release

Secure Network Systems Develops CRITSEC® Platform Enabling Comprehensive Security Management

- **New Converged IT/Network and Physical Security Solution for Unified Access Control/HSPD-12 Compliance**
- **“Converged Security” – Integrates Existing IT Infrastructure and Physical Systems Security**

Boulder, CO - April 26, 2006 - Secure Network Systems, a US developer and manufacturer of high-quality converged IT/network and physical security solutions, announces the general availability of SNS CRITSEC®, a revolutionary new “converged security” platform that embraces NIST’s FIPS-201 standards.

Supporting even the most complex IT security infrastructures found in today’s enterprise environments, it also provides interoperable support for many existing physical security reader devices, creating a cost-effective migration path to full PIV 2 unified access control.

The CRITSEC platform is architected for open standards interoperability and designed for modularity and scalability and is extendible across a spectrum of security needs, and adaptable to both legacy and upcoming technologies.

Supporting multi-function contact and contactless smart card/token user validation, the base platform works within existing collocated and distributed facility environments, and optional support for various technologies including fingerprint, facial recognition, iris scanning biometrics and Geographic Information Systems is easily plugged in. Blending video surveillance and hazardous environmental sensors, the platform also provides interfaces to most building control systems, alarm systems, and annunciators found in today’s facilities, extending the useful life of current investments. Integration into even the most complex and mission-critical enterprise IT security infrastructure is easily accomplished through standard protocols, resulting in improved situational awareness, reduced administration overhead, and improved audit and forensic capabilities.

Howard A. Schmidt, president and CEO of R&H Security Consulting LLC, and a former security strategist for the White House, eBay, and Microsoft, lauded the revolutionary approach of the SNS platform. “In one platform, using open standards, SNS has developed a market-driving integration of all of the resources that security managers need to protect their assets. This is a comprehensive solution that moves a long way toward mastering all of the disparate systems that should all work together, but until now, have been islands of security rather than a location-wide approach.”

“With the deployment of CRITSEC”, said Melani Hernoud, CEO of SNS, “we now can solve the integration problems between systems and bring together the IT and physical systems security realms. CRITSEC provides a new way to better defend America by authenticating identity and using data, video, sensors and other resources in a unified environment.”

The CRITSEC platform is being customized for specific vertical industries, many which have regulatory requirements regarding prevention, detection, isolation, recovery and reporting of incidents. The first offering to leverage the CRITSEC platform is NIMS-IMPACT™ from SNS, a converged emergency incident response system.

Pricing and availability

The base CRITSEC system is priced at under \$50,000 and is now shipping. SNS offers a range of product integration services through skilled partners to customize each platform to specific customer requirements.

About Secure Network Systems

Secure Network Systems is an emerging leader in the converged IT/network and physical security market with a strong background in solving difficult problems and delivering world-class solutions. SNS has distinguished itself through delivery of innovative results that encompass people, processes, and technologies, improving the overall security posture. SNS employees are dedicated to providing products and services that help protect and defend the American way of life.

CRITSEC is a registered trademark and NIMS-IMPACT is a trademark of Secure Network Systems LLC.