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Media Release

Howard A. Schmidt Accepts Chairman of the Board Position with Secure Network Systems, LLC

- Globally-recognized security expert to lead marketplace expansion for converged security innovator in privacy and National Security
- Former White House, eBay, and Microsoft executive to promote secure identity management solutions for First Responders, government and commercial users

Boulder, CO – July 16, 2007 – Formalizing a key role that helped shape the company since its inception, Secure Network Systems (SNS) is pleased to announce that Howard A. Schmidt has graciously accepted the position of SNS Chairman of the Board. With a heritage that spans law enforcement through executive governance, Mr. Schmidt possesses a perspective on real-world convergence solutions that has yielded measurable, cost-effective security improvement across multiple sectors.

“I am proud to take the helm of the SNS team of dynamic, purposeful individuals that have developed and deployed field-proven solutions in the critical realm of converged logical and physical security, as well as being US government certified,” said Mr. Schmidt. “Protection of privacy while ensuring a high degree of identity assurance is essential in a balanced approach to the challenges that everyone from First Responders and evacuees during emergency incidents encounter, to issues that critical infrastructure and commercial sectors strive to overcome on a daily basis. Having been on the front lines and in the command centers, the SNS systems accomplish multiple tactical and strategic purposes while guarding priceless personal identity information.”

Howard A. Schmidt has had a long distinguished career in government, law enforcement and corporate security, and is known for cutting to the heart of complex matters with insightful leadership and striking impact. He has served as CISO, VP and Chief Security Strategist for online auction giant eBay. He retired from the White House with over 3 decades of public service having been appointed by President Bush as the Vice Chair of the President’s Critical Infrastructure Protection Board and as the Special Adviser for Cyberspace Security for the White House, later assuming the Chairmanship. Mr. Schmidt most recently served as Chief Security Strategist for the US CERT Partners Program for the Department of Homeland Security and is currently the international president of the Information Systems Security Association. Prior to the White House, Mr. Schmidt was CSO for Microsoft Corporation, director of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, with the FBI, and the Chandler, Arizona Police Department.

“Since our systems are built on defense-in-depth principles, they technologically guarantee the highest levels of encryption before accessing sensitive, personal data as well as authentication of identity prior to granting privileged access for first responders,” said Melani Hernoud, CEO and founder of SNS. “Traditionally, first responders were thought to be fire, law enforcement, and public health officers but we know now this group includes military, doctors, nurses, clergy, utility staff and others from many sectors, and their identity information is just as important to protect. Howard’s multifaceted background fortifies SNS in our ability to bring privacy protections balanced with precision emergency responsiveness in a way that maximizes response and preserves privacy, and will help us achieve our overall mission to preserve the American way of life.”

The SNS NIMS-IMPACT® and Credential Issuance™ solutions were field-proven during the Hurricane Katrina evacuation response. The offerings are US GSA approved for FIPS-201, and SNS is also certified by the US GSA to provide complete-end-to-end services which support all

aspects of the identity proofing and issuance process. Complete turnkey systems or selected components may be deployed.

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.

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