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THEINFOPRO RESEARCH SHOWS IDENTITY MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES GETTING MORE ATTENTION FROM TODAY'S SECURITY PROFESSIONALS

Compliance Issues and Better Access Management Cited as Leading Concerns among Fortune 1000 and Midsize Enterprises

RSA CONFERENCE, San Francisco, February 6, 2007— According to TheInfoPro's Wave 8 Information Security Study released this week, Identity Management Technologies occupy four of the top ten positions on the TheInfoPro's proprietary Information Security Technology Heat Index™ – a measurement of end users' reported spending and implementation plans. The study also reveals that the appearance of new audit and compliance standards could accelerate the growth of Identity Management technology implementations by as much as three times their current levels. These enterprise security standards emphasize the need for improved network, applications, and data security, based on an individual's job functions and an overall "need to know". The findings for the Wave 8 Study were derived from over 200 in-depth interviews with TheInfoPro's TIPNetwork of pre-screened Security professionals from Fortune 1000 and Midsize enterprises that provide expert commentary for TheInfoPro's Security Studies.

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"Enterprises have been actively pursuing compliance initiatives for a while, but recent breaches of trust have emphasized the need to closely manage access as well as the applications used across the organization", said Bill Trussell, TheInfoPro's managing director for Information Security. "While some organizations have developed homegrown solutions to address identity management, many organizations are beginning to realize that they have outgrown those solutions, or they no longer meet the compliance standards to which they are being measured," he added.

Enterprise companies, including Sun, Novell, CA, Microsoft, Oracle, IBM, and HP are currently engaged in product development and implementations to address a number of the identity management issues that organizations face today.

"Enterprise users have made it clear that the security solutions implemented in their organizations must be unobtrusive and seamless with their operations. A balance between this requirement and the standards against which security architectures are being measured are some of the reasons for the high level of interest in these technologies," said Trussell. "The results of the Security Study indicate that this renewed emphasis on Identity Management will result in increased spending in the area of Security Management in the next 12 to 18 months," adds Trussell.

TheInfoPro's Wave 8 Security Study details technology adoption trends and timeframes, management techniques and trends, and vendor performance data, as well as management strategies for the Information Security sector.

Additional Information Security companies covered in the Wave 8 Information Security Study include Cisco, Symantec, McAfee, Check Point, Juniper, Vontu, PGP, ArcSight, 3Com, Qualys, Secure Computing, Blue Coat, Pointsec, Websense, among many others.

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