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Strategic Partnership with focus on SAP Security and GRC Consulting

Las Vegas, Sept. 12, 2006 – The international SAP Security consulting companies SecurIntegration GmbH and Virtual Forge GmbH announce their strategic partnership in the field of SAP Security and GRC (Governance, Risk and Compliance).

Securing enterprise assets against manipulation and theft is today more and more important in order to ensure business success. New laws and strict enterprise guidelines have been put into place in order to address such risks. Regulations such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), BASEL II, FDA Part 11 and the Safe Harbor Act (EU Data Protection Directive) require internal controls for critical business processes. It is important to analyse these controls and to check them regularly. Thus, SAP offers tools and guidelines for security and GRC. Together, SecurIntegration and Virtual Forge offer help in setting up these tools, implementing the guidelines and fulfilling regulatory compliance.

„We have been looking for a partner in the SAP GRC area that complements our consulting services with innovative solutions and expertise in the field of SAP Application and System Security. Together with Virtual Forge we now want to approach the US market and therefore opened a joint office in Palo Alto in early September“, said Guido Schneider, CEO of SecurIntegration GmbH, about the new partnership.

“We combine long lasting SAP field experience with cutting-edge security expertise and form a competent, joint team of over 40 consultants. This partnership complements our strengths very naturally. That way, we can create a complete Security & GRC service for our customers.” explained Dr. Markus Schumacher, CEO of Virtual Forge GmbH.

SecurIntegration and Virtual Forge present their combined Security & GRC portfolio at the SAP TechEd conference in Las Vegas. Visitors of the fair will see an interesting mix of live security challenges, demonstrations and professional consulting. Meet the SAP security experts in Hall XX, Booth YY and in the Security Lounge of the SDN Clubhouse.

About SecurIntegration GmbH:

SecurIntegration GmbH is an independent, internationally operating security consultancy for SAP solutions with offices in Cologne and Walldorf (Germany), Barcelona (Spain) and Palo Alto (CA, USA). As a SAP Services Partner, the company is specialized in the areas of SAP NetWeaver®-based authorizations (SAP GRC consulting) and SAP solution-based security audits, as well as in the construction of secure enterprise portals and single sign-on for SAP solutions.

About Virtual Forge GmbH:

Virtual Forge is an internationally operating consultancy with a main focus on security for SAP applications with offices in Mannheim (Germany) and Palo Alto (CA, USA). Virtual Forge offers application security products, consulting services and training. The company has been cooperating directly with SAP (e.g. SAP TechEd and the SAP Developer Network (SDN)) and SAP customers in this area for more than 3 years.

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