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## Fortinet Appoints Phil Quade as Chief Information Security Officer

### Former NSA Cyber Task Force Executive Joins Fortinet Leadership to Drive Infrastructure Security, Expand Federal Program and Serve as Strategic Customer Advisor

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#### **Ken Xie, founder, chairman of the board and chief executive officer at Fortinet**

"The cybersecurity challenges facing our enterprise customers today are getting increasingly complex with a threat landscape that is rapidly evolving. With Phil's extensive background working at the National Security Agency and with the Defense Department he brings incredible insight on the technologies, threat landscape and partnerships needed to deliver the most effective approaches to data security. He is a strong addition to our executive leadership team and will be focused on safeguarding Fortinet's information technology and assets, expanding our strategic national programs, as well as serving as a trusted advisor to our C-Level enterprise customers."

#### **News Summary**

Fortinet® (NASDAQ:FTNT), the global leader in high-performance cybersecurity solutions, today announced the appointment of Phil Quade as Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Quade will take responsibility for Fortinet's information security and ensure compliance with the latest global regulations and standards across all systems. He will lead the strategy and expansion of Fortinet's Federal and Critical Infrastructure business. Additionally, Quade will serve as a strategic consultant to Fortinet's C-Level enterprise customers to help inform product development and innovation based on evolving cybersecurity requirements. He will report to founder, chairman and CEO, Ken Xie.

Quade brings more than three decades of cybersecurity and networking experience working across foreign, government, critical infrastructure and commercial industry sectors at the National Security Agency (NSA) at the highest levels of the White House and Congress. Prior to Fortinet, Quade was the NSA Director's Special Assistant for Cyber and Chief of the NSA Cyber Task Force with responsibility for the White House relationship in Cyber. Previously, he served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Information Assurance Directorate at the NSA, managing day-to-day operations, strategy, planning, integration, and relationships in cybersecurity. Prior, Quade served as the head of the Information Operations Technology Center's Advanced Technology Group, as a professional staffer to the U.S. Senate, and at the Office of the Director for National Intelligence. Additional assignments that Quade held at the NSA include computer and network security evaluator, cryptanalyst and policy management.

In his new role as Fortinet's CISO, Quade will leverage his considerable experience in managing diverse and complex cyber strategies solutions with global intelligence and partnerships to ensure that both Fortinet and its global customers have the most effective, broad security postures.

"Bringing together the right mix of technology, threat intelligence risk management and partnerships to protect global information and assets is my passion. Fortinet's Security Fabric vision aligns perfectly to what it takes to deliver an end-to-end, intelligent, scalable, and integrated security architecture for today's digital economy," said Mr. Quade. "I am thrilled to join Fortinet's leadership team and contribute to its vision, both in leading our internal information security efforts as well as providing strategic guidance and programs to help safeguard our global customers."

#### **About Fortinet**

Fortinet (NASDAQ:FTNT) secures the largest enterprise, service provider, and government organizations around the world. Fortinet empowers its customers with intelligent, seamless protection across the expanding attack surface and the power to take on ever-increasing performance requirements of the borderless network - today and into the future. Only the Fortinet Security Fabric architecture can deliver security without compromise to address the most critical security challenges, whether in networked, application, cloud or mobile environments. Fortinet ranks #1 in the most security appliances shipped worldwide and more than 290,000 customers trust Fortinet to protect their businesses. Learn more at <http://www.fortinet.com>, the [Fortinet Blog](#), or [FortiGuard Labs](#).

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