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## **ION NETWORKS LAUNCHES THE ION SECURE 5010 SECURITY APPLIANCE**

*Infrastructure Security Solution Protects IP-based Networks*

**Piscataway, New Jersey -- February 6, 2002** – ION Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: IONN), a leading provider of security and management solutions that protect critical infrastructure from internal and external security threats while maintaining high availability, announced the general availability of the ION Secure™ 5010, the first in a series of security appliances that offer VPN routing and firewall services for secure administration of infrastructure elements over private and public IP-VPN based networks.

The latest component in the ION Secure Infrastructure Management Architecture™ (SIMA) blueprint for protecting critical infrastructure elements, the ION Secure 5010 supports advanced security features and combines console, alarm, sensor and power management functions with high-speed routing and four key VPN functions - tunneling, data encryption, firewall, and dynamic IP addressing. As a result, the ION Secure 5010 dramatically reduces the cost and complexity associated with providing a comprehensive solution for infrastructure security as compared with the use of multiple, single-purpose security devices.

"The launch of the ION Secure 5010 marks ION's entrance into the largely untapped and rapidly growing market for protecting IP enabled infrastructure elements, said Kam Saifi, President and CEO of ION Networks. "The ION Secure 5010 protects against administrative security breaches that could result in serious damages or losses for Service Providers, Corporations or Governments. The ION Secure 5010 continues in the tradition of our widely deployed ION Secure 3000 family of security appliances by integrating ION Secure Operating System™ (ISOS) software with advanced VPN routing and firewall services."

The ION Secure 5010, allows operators and administrators to configure, troubleshoot and manage geographically dispersed IP enabled infrastructure elements such as firewalls, servers, routers, LAN switches, PBXs, and multiplexers from central operations centers, reducing costly on-site visits, service disruptions and skilled personnel requirements. In addition, the ION Secure 5010 supports management of discrete alarms for infrastructure elements such as doors, lighting, air conditioners or diesel generators and environmental conditions including temperature, humidity, fire and water conditions. The ION Secure 5010 can also be deployed as a secure VPN gateway for ION Secure 3000 Series security appliances.

"Our e-business operational responsibilities span a diverse set of network and systems elements. In order to meet our service level commitments, we need full control over all the elements that we manage, while ensuring that the necessary security measures are in place to protect our client's businesses" said Andre Smets, TAC & Field Manager for Alcatel's e-Business Solutions in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. "We plan to deploy the ION Secure 5010 in order to guard against administrator level security threats and to improve our operational effectiveness while reducing the time and cost associated with responding to the service needs of our customers."

## **ABOUT ION NETWORKS**

ION Networks, Inc. is a leading provider of infrastructure security and management solutions. The ION Secure suite helps customers protect critical infrastructure and maximize operational efficiency while lowering operational costs. ION Networks customers include AT&T, Bank of America, British Telecom, Citigroup, Entergy, Intel, Oracle, Qwest, SBC, Sprint, WorldCom and the U.S. Government. Headquartered in Piscataway, New Jersey, the Company has installed tens of thousands of its products worldwide from its eight direct sales offices in the United States, Livingston, Scotland and Antwerp, Belgium, and its distribution channels on four continents.

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