



**Critical Watch Awarded U.S. Patent for Network Security Testing**  
*Patent highlights company's unique methods and capabilities*

January 29, 2008 – (Dallas, Texas) – Critical Watch, a leading provider of security risk management and compliance solutions, announced today it has been awarded United States Patent 7325252 for its original and comprehensive network security testing methodology. What separates Critical Watch testing functionality from competitors is the ability to test multiple IP addresses simultaneously – networks, computers, servers, firewalls, VoIP phones – from any place in the world rather than from only one location. Multiple configurations are available which allow businesses to customize and streamline testing to match their specific business goals with minimum effort. In addition, the intuitive nature of this patented testing methodology results in consistent accuracy and fewer false positives.

“The idea for this distributed scanning technology stemmed from our own experience with inefficient testing methods in 2000,” says Critical Watch President and CEO David Laizerovich. “As we studied what was available and compared it to what was needed we realized there was room for growth. The industry needed something better.”

This distinctive technology powers Critical Watch products such as FusionVM. It is the key component to proactively protecting enterprises from security risks and vulnerabilities as well as allows customers to maintain PCI compliance. This strong foundation has evolved into a variety of options customers can select to fit their specific needs – Software as a Service (SaaS) through an Internet connection only; as a product(s) purchased and housed at the customer location(s); and as a purchase of an MSP (managed service provider) in-the-box configuration. The ability to test an entire network with only one device using a variety of testing methods and the flexibility and freedom to assess a network from multiple locations signifies Critical Watch products and technology as original and necessary in today's security climate.

Critical Watch Co-founder and CSO Nelson Bunker explains, “In developing the initial process ideas, I wanted something that mimicked reality as close as possible. To do this, I had to think like an attacker and understand what tools they use and why. Once I understood how they work my team members and I started developing a customized solution that is proactive and provides protection across the entire enterprise.”

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The patent application and subsequent confirmation process is grueling and extensive. To reach “approved” status and be issued a patent is a significant achievement. It’s one, however, Laizerovich is familiar with. He already holds three patents in technology related to data-touch screens and conductor innovation.

**About Critical Watch**

Critical Watch is a leading provider of security risk management and compliance solutions that enable a comprehensive business process for integrating vulnerability management across the enterprise. In addition to its FusionVM suite of products and services, Critical Watch provides PCI Compliance services as a certified vendor. Critical Watch clients are Global 2000 enterprises across verticals such as healthcare, financial services, state and local government, e-commerce and manufacturing. FusionVM empowers organizations to:

- Efficiently and effectively manage business critical risks across the enterprise
- Establish better visibility, measurability and control over their security function
- Coordinate and embed a preventive process across all operational groups
- Validate regulatory and policy compliance

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