



Press Release

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### ***International republishing agreement between BVRP Software & Internet Security Systems***

The BVRP Software Group today announces that it has signed an agreement with Internet Security Systems (ISS) (Nasdaq: ISSX), a leading global provider of threat protection solutions, giving BVRP Software the exclusive right to republish ISS's BlackICE™ range of personal firewall and intrusion protection software throughout Europe and the Middle East. Under the terms of this new agreement, BVRP Software's subsidiaries AB Soft and Guildsoft will market sell and support BlackICE products in France, the United Kingdom and Scandinavia, while the company's distribution partners will cover the rest of Europe and some parts of the Middle East. Internet Security Systems will continue to market, sell and support its RealSecure range of enterprise security solutions through its traditional channel partners.

The first product covered by BVRP Software's new republishing agreement with Internet Security Systems is **BlackICE PC Protection** (formerly BlackICE Defender), which is **scheduled for launch at the end of March**. BlackICE PC Protection provides comprehensive, easy-to-use personal firewall and intrusion protection for individual PCs. Novices benefit from BlackICE PC Protection's no-nonsense, direct approach to protecting their computers, while more sophisticated users have complete control over the security process. The application monitors inbound and outbound traffic, ensuring that only legitimate activities can occur. BlackICE PC Protection's unique combination of firewall, fast, unobtrusive intrusion protection and straightforward interface protects the privacy of any home or office PC. BlackICE PC Protection is easily upgraded over the Internet, ensuring that protection is always up to date. Other products in the BlackICE range, aimed at meeting the firewall and intrusion protection needs of small businesses, will follow shortly. These include BlackICE Server Protection and BlackICE Small Business Edition.

Under the terms of its agreement with Internet Security Systems, BVRP Software will manufacture and supply all BlackICE products to **retail outlets** and **OEM customers**, and sell them directly to **end-users through its own Web sites**. The company will also localise BlackICE products to support all the major European languages.

*"Our agreement with Internet Security Systems, a world leader in the security arena, enables us to strengthen our position as a pan-European software distributor and republisher," says **BVRP Software managing director, Bertrand Michels**. "The BVRP Software Group now offers a comprehensive and complementary product range, comprising applications developed in-house as well as licensed products from industry leaders such as Internet Security Systems. The BlackICE family of products, which combine personal firewall technology with powerful intrusion protection capabilities, completes BVRP Software's offering perfectly. Given the immense popularity of this software — more than 400,000 units of BlackICE were sold in the USA alone in 2001 — we are expecting great things from our security solutions product line this year."*

### **About BVRP Software Group**

With subsidiaries spread over France, Great Britain and the US, the BVRP Software group, world leading editor of communications software, is also a major supplier of personal and professional tools designed for Internet use. BVRP Software products are sold in over 100 countries through e-commerce, OEM partners and IT retailers. BVRP Software is also developing a wide Services offer, based on a strong Internet and Telecom expertise. The group currently employs around 400 employees and achieved a turnover of 39 M euros for the 2001 financial year. BVRP Software is listed on the Nouveau Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange since December 1996 (Euronext : 5478).

For more information : [www.bvrp.com](http://www.bvrp.com)

### **About Internet Security Systems (ISS)**

Founded in 1994, Internet Security Systems (ISS) (Nasdaq: ISSX) is a pioneer and world leader in software and services that protect critical information assets from an ever-changing spectrum of threats and misuse. As organisations increasingly move business operations online, the number and sophistication of threats to the networks, servers and desktops that empower these initiatives also continue to escalate. Internet Security Systems' solutions dynamically detect, prevent and respond to these threats, making Internet Security Systems the trusted security provider for more than 9,000 corporate customers. These include 49 of the Fortune 50, the top ten largest US securities firms, ten of the world's largest telecommunications companies, and major agencies and departments within US local, state and federal governments. Headquartered in Atlanta, GA, Internet Security Systems has additional operations throughout the Americas, Asia, Australia, Europe and the Middle East.

For more information on Internet Security Systems in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, visit the company's web site at [www.iss.net/emea](http://www.iss.net/emea), write to [emea-info@iss.net](mailto:emea-info@iss.net), or call +32 2 479 67 97.

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