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**TIPPINGPOINT POSITIONED IN THE LEADERS QUADRANT FOR 1H08
NETWORK INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEMS APPLIANCES MAGIC
QUADRANT**

Evaluation Based on Completeness of Vision and Ability to Execute

Austin, TX. – February 28, 2008 – TippingPoint, a leader in intrusion prevention, today announced it has been positioned by Gartner, Inc. in the leaders quadrant in the ‘1H08 Network Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) Appliances Magic Quadrant’ⁱ report.

According to Gartner, "Leaders demonstrate balanced progress and effort in all execution and vision categories. Their actions raise the competitive bar for all products in the market, and they can change the course of the industry. To remain leaders, vendors must have demonstrated a track record of delivering successfully in enterprise IPS deployments and in winning competitive assessments. Leaders produce products that provide high signature quality and low latency, are innovating with or ahead of customers' challenges (such as using endpoint intelligence to make more-efficient detections) and have a range of models. Leaders continually win selections and are consistently visible on enterprise shortlists. However, a leading vendor is not a default choice for every buyer, and clients should not assume that they must buy only from vendors in the Leaders quadrant,"

“In my opinion, Gartner has a strong grasp of what’s important in the IPS market space and an inherent understanding of enterprise customers’ security needs,” said Neal Hartsell, vice president of marketing, TippingPoint. “We are honored to be positioned in

the leaders quadrant, and see that as a testament to our in-line product leadership, industry-leading security research, and vision of IPS as a cornerstone of network security evolution.”

The network IPS market is composed of in-line devices that perform full-stream assembly and deep inspection of network traffic, providing protection using several methods including signatures, protocol anomaly detection, and behavioral or heuristics. However, recent trends point to IPS products incorporating features from other emerging security products including network access control (NAC) enforcement and data loss prevention (DLP).

In 2007, TippingPoint announced its NAC solution as part of its IPS-Secured Networks solution. TippingPoint’s approach will extend beyond traditional pre-check and post-check NAC solutions by linking device and user policies to fine-grained, continuous traffic control made possible only by an IPS. The integration of NAC and IPS provides enterprises greater control over network access and usage and stronger compliance with industry regulations while reducing network security cost and complexity.

TippingPoint has also launched several industry-leading initiatives including the Zero Day Initiative, www.zerodayinitiative.com, with over 600 researchers and the Voice over IP security alliance, www.voipsa.org, with over 100 members. In addition, TippingPoint is also the home of the globally recognized expert team DV Labs, <http://dvlabs.tippingpoint.com>, which is responsible for vulnerability analysis and discovery and ensures TippingPoint customers have the best preemptive protection for vulnerabilities and zero day issues.

Hartsell added, “Our DV Labs research team sets the benchmark for cutting edge security research and analysis, which results in TippingPoint’s Digital Vaccine® filters, the security intelligence in our products. We are dedicated to staying on the forefront of security research and coverage to provide our customers with the fastest and most comprehensive security coverage available.”

About the Magic Quadrant

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About TippingPoint

TippingPoint, a leader in intrusion prevention systems (IPS), provides the IPS-secured network, which delivers attack control, access control, and application control. Its foundation is the TippingPoint IPS, the most decorated in its industry with unparalleled performance and security, as evidenced by nearly 35 awards. For a full list, visit: http://www.tippingpoint.com/products_certifications.html. The IPS obtains evergreen protection from the Digital Vaccine[®] service, powered by DV Labs, the largest body of security researchers in the world. DV Labs is made up of expert internal researchers and over 600 Zero Day Initiative researchers. For more information on TippingPoint, please visit www.tippingpoint.com.

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ⁱ Gartner, Inc. "Magic Quadrant for Network Intrusion Prevention System Appliances" by Greg Young and John Pescatore. February 14, 2008