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**VSS Monitoring Partners with Netronome
to Improve Network Monitoring Visibility and Efficiency**

Partnership Removes Blind Spots from Network Monitoring Applications

SAN MATEO and SANTA CLARA, Calif. Oct. 18, 2011 – [VSS Monitoring](#), the world leader in Network Intelligence Optimization, and [Netronome](#), the leading developer of [network flow processors](#), today announced the companies' partnership to provide real-time access to the contents of encrypted communications for network security, compliance and monitoring solutions.

VSS Monitoring's line-rate packet capture, monitoring and distribution solution combined with Netronome's flow processing technology delivers comprehensive protection for network and security appliances by removing well-known vulnerabilities and security blind spots masked by encryption. Customers can now rapidly validate and deploy a layered defense system to protect users and networks from web-born threats.

"A new generation of malware is specifically targeting SSL encrypted traffic," said Dave Shackelford, senior analyst at The SANS Institute. "To adequately monitor encrypted communication, traffic capture devices such as intelligent taps must be able to identify the encrypted packets, then forward the clear text to network and security appliances specifically designed to detect threats."

For the first time, network administrators can use their existing analytical tools to inspect SSL packets in real time at 10 Gbps throughout large distributed enterprise and carrier-class networks. Netronome's NFP-3240 flow processors deliver real-time, low-latency SSL inspection ranging from 100Mbps to 10Gbps to the VSS Traffic Capture Systems.

"SSL encrypted traffic is vulnerable to security risks such as compromised certificate authorities and malware attacks like phishing and botnet command and control," said Kevin Jablonski, vice president of global marketing, strategic partnerships and channels at VSS Monitoring. "This partnership empowers our combined customers with control of SSL traffic and ensures the benefits of encryption are preserved without compromising the effectiveness of necessary security tools."

"Network administrators are aware of the risks that SSL creates for their enterprises," said Jarrod Siket, senior vice president of marketing at Netronome. "Netronome's flow processing solutions enable market-leading intelligent monitoring devices from VSS Monitoring to maintain line-rate, low latency access to all traffic types, including encrypted communications."

For more information, there will be an informative webinar on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 10:00 am PT. Please register at:

<https://vssmonitoring.webex.com/vssmonitoring/j.php?ED=183349737&RG=1&UID=0&RT=MiM0>

Supporting Resource

- http://www.vssmonitoring.com/partners/t_partner_img/Netronome%20Solution%20Brief.pdf

About VSS Monitoring:

VSS Monitoring, Inc. Is the world leader in network intelligence optimization, providing a visionary, systems-oriented approach for optimizing and scaling connectivity between network switching and the intelligence ecosystem of network analytical, inline security and WAN acceleration tools. VSS network intelligence optimization systems improve tool usage, simplify operations, increase efficiencies and greatly enhance ROI. The company is headquartered in San Mateo, Calif. For more information, visit www.vssmonitoring.com.

About Netronome:

Netronome is a leading developer of highly programmable semiconductor products that are used for intelligent flow processing in network and communications devices. Netronome's solutions include network flow processors and acceleration cards that scale from 10 to 100 Gbps. They are used in carrier-grade and enterprise-class communications products that require deep packet inspection, flow analysis, content processing, virtualization and security. Netronome's products are developed in labs in Santa Clara, CA, Boxborough, MA and Pittsburgh, PA. To learn more about Netronome and its products, please visit www.netronome.com.

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