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Zurich, Switzerland – 20 January 2009 – SECUDE AG has appointed Dr. Frank Off as SECUDE Group CTO (Chief Technology Officer) and Ralf Nellesen as SECUDE Group TPM (Technical Product Manager) for SAP Security software. SECUDE AG is now focusing on its SAP driven strategy and promoting a close cooperation between SECUDE Global Consulting (SGC) consulting services and SECUDE security software products and solutions.

Dr. Frank Off, recent Global Managing Partner at SGC has been appointed to SECUDE Group CTO. With his remarkable expertise in the SAP Security consulting environment, Dr. Frank Off will guide the SECUDE R&D Team to innovate technologies in order to position SECUDE as a world leader for SAP Security products and solutions.

Dr. Frank Off joined SECUDE Global Consulting in 2007 from SAP Systems Integration AG Bensheim, where he was Management Consultant for SAP Risk Management and SAP NetWeaver Security. He has extensive expertise in designing and implementing IT-Security concepts for eCommerce Portal Applications in the SAP and non-SAP space. During his various consulting engagements he supported customers in the definition and implementation of risk-driven and manageable SAP Authorization Concepts often based on SAP Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) solutions for different SAP Applications including SAP Portal.

Dr. Frank Off earned in 1996 his PhD Degree in Technical Science with focus on the development of computer based numerical simulation software at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich. His diploma thesis in aeronautical engineering at the Institute for Computer Applications of University of Stuttgart was titled "Parallel Algorithms for Hypersonics with Chemical Reactions".

Dr. Frank Off's co-authored book "Security and Authorizations in SAP Systems" about SAP Security is published by SAP press in the year 2006. (See as reference

<http://www.sap-press.de/1132>

<http://www.sap-press.de/1040>)

“The security market is very scattered with too many security products which do not provide real benefit for customers,” says Dr. Frank Off, “Working with both the consulting and product divisions of SECUDE presents a big opportunity for us as SECUDE group, as it helps us to achieve a deeper connection between products and real customer needs that we see on a day to day basis on our consulting engagements. We need to fulfill SECUDE client and market needs with the deep technical understanding which our consultants can provide.”

Mr. Ralf Nellessen, recent Senior Manager of SGC (Walldorf) also has been appointed to SECUDE Group TPM for all SAP related security software. Mr. Nellessen manages all SAP related R&D resources and roadmaps, as well as acting as a liaison between R&D, marketing, and sales. Ralf has enormous knowledge and experience in SAP related technologies such as SAP NetWeaver ABAP, Risk Management, SAP GRC, and in both areas of Access and Process Controls for SAP during his work as an IT-Auditor at Royal Philips Electronics.

“The key to SECUDE’s group objective is to develop new products and solutions that both support and are driven by consulting needs,” says Heiner Kromer, CEO of SECUDE. “This will help increase the responsiveness of our consulting group and simultaneously provide scalability for our software sales. The strategy is to move the two companies SGC and SECUDE International closer together and generate the needed synergies and profitability we are aiming for.”

About SECUDE AG

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SECUDE AG is the holding company supports SECUDE Global Consulting and SECUDE International in their business and maintains the leading market position. SECUDE AG is headquarters in Bergegg 6376 Emmetten, NW, Switzerland.

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