



**SonicWALL Positioned in the “Leaders” Quadrant of the Magic Quadrant for SMB
Multifunction Firewalls**

Evaluation Based on Completeness of Vision and Ability to Execute

SUNNYVALE, CALIF. – July 21, 2009 – SonicWALL, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNWL), a leading secure network infrastructure company, today announced it has been positioned by Gartner, Inc. in the “Leaders” quadrant of the [“Magic Quadrant for SMB Multifunction Firewalls.”](#) (i) SonicWALL's family of network security appliances combine robust security services with high-speed deep packet inspection to provide small and mid-size organizations the best protection currently available. SonicWALL [TZ](#) and [Network Security Appliance \(NSA\)](#) firewalls are designed to reduce cost, risk and complexity by integrating automated and dynamic security capabilities for comprehensive protection and maximum performance.

“The Leaders quadrant contains vendors at the forefront of making and selling multifunction firewall products that are built for SMB requirements. The requirements necessary for leadership include a wide range of models to cover SMB use cases, support for multiple features, and a management and reporting capability that's designed for ease of use,” according to the authors of the Gartner report, Adam Hils and Greg Young. “Vendors in this quadrant lead the market in offering new safeguarding features, and in enabling customers to deploy them inexpensively without crippling network performance. These vendors also have a good track record of avoiding vulnerabilities in their security products. Common characteristics include reliability, consistent throughput, and a product that's intuitive to manage and administer.” The full report is available at <http://mediaproducts.gartner.com/reprints/sonicwall/vol3/article1/article1.html>.

Every SonicWALL TZ and NSA Series appliance can be configured into a customized network security solution, using an expanding array of seamlessly integrated services for gateway anti-virus, anti-spyware, intrusion prevention, enforced desktop anti-virus, content filtering, [comprehensive anti-spam](#) and more. SonicWALL appliances also intelligently enforce and dynamically update each of these services as new updates become available. With one complete solution from SonicWALL, small and mid-size organizations can avoid the integration and maintenance problems that often result from sourcing, installing, and maintaining security products and services from multiple vendors.

“We consider our positioning in the “Leaders” quadrant by Gartner as confirmation that we continue to be committed to our SMB customers, providing them with comprehensive and powerful network security solutions,” said Patrick Sweeney, Vice President, Product Management for SonicWALL. “With our recently announced revolutionary TZ series we continue to innovate and execute on our product roadmaps for both the TZ and NSA product lines to further enhance our market position within the SMB multifunction firewall space.”

About the Magic Quadrant

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About SonicWALL, Inc.

SonicWALL is committed to improving the performance and productivity of businesses of all sizes by engineering the cost and complexity out of running a secure network. Over one million SonicWALL appliances have been shipped through its global network of ten thousand channel partners to keep tens of millions of worldwide business computer users safe and in control of their data. SonicWALL's award-winning solutions include network security, secure remote access, content security, backup and recovery, and policy and management technology. For more information, visit the company web site at <http://www.sonicwall.com/>.

Safe Harbor Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements include but are not limited to statements regarding the benefits associated with the SonicWALL TZ and NSA solutions and the continued commitment of SonicWALL to the small and medium sized business market. These forward-looking statements are based on the opinions and estimates of management at the time the statements are made and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements. In addition, please see the "Risk Factors" described in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, for a more detailed description of the risks facing our business. All forward-looking statements included in this release are based upon information available to SonicWALL as of the date of the release, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statement.

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- (i) Gartner Inc. "Magic Quadrant for SMB Multifunction Firewalls" by Adam Hills and Greg Young, July 10, 2009

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