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### **secunet supports the market launch of scientific innovations by the Westphalian University of Applied Sciences in Gelsenkirchen, Germany**

*[Essen, 17 November 2015]* In conjunction with the Institute of Internet Security - if(is) – secunet is launching a new network security product solution. The innovative technology spotuation, which was developed on the back of research, enables companies to detect gaps in their corporate network, aids them in eliminating such vulnerabilities and allows them to measure changes continually against a comprehensive data base.

At a time where the dangers posed by the internet are growing and data volumes are swelling, including ever more corporate data which is increasingly stored in the Cloud, the Internet Analysis System (IAS) developed at if(is) has been refined to form the innovative product spotuation. The goal of spotuation is to enable companies to better safeguard their networks as independently as possible and in addition, it makes the current communication situation transparent, identifies potential threats and allows benchmarking with other companies in the sector. Even during the development phase, the project involved research partners such as the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), leading telecoms providers and large and medium-sized enterprises.

The newly founded company finally safe GmbH will now push development of the new platform forward: In collaboration with secunet, it will continue to collect valuable information on security requirements in various customer segments and improve the technology already in use, to enable threats and attacks to be better analysed in future.

"This spin-off represents precisely the goal that we pursue as a research and teaching facility: an amazing innovation becomes marketable and the developers found their own company for the



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purpose!" Prof. Norbert Pohlmann, head of if(is), is evidently proud of spinning-off his former employees to the Westphalian University of Applied Sciences in Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

secunet holds a minority stake in finally safe and will help the start-up launch its technology successfully on the market. The company's activities will focus on the important and growing market for the generation of current situation reports and for early warning systems – which will gain particular significance in the next few years, especially with the introduction of the IT Security Act in Germany.

"secunet considers the close collaboration between science and industry a key component in creating high-end security solutions made in Germany," emphasises Dr Rainer Baumgart, Chairman of the Management Board of secunet.

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