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ESI Technologies Achieves VPN/Security Technology Specialization from Cisco Systems

Montreal, PQ – October 16, 2002 – ESI Technologies Inc. announced today it has achieved the **VPN/Security Technology Specialization from Cisco Systems, Inc.** This specialization recognizes ESI for having the ability to plan, design, implement and operate **Cisco VPN** (Virtual Private Network) **and security solutions.**

“As ESI brings a solid and mature security business practice to the market place, we have decided to also leverage our sound relationship with Cisco by achieving their **VPN/Security Technology Specialization.** This puts us in a leadership position and enables us to enhance the impact our IT solutions have on our Clients operations,” said Yves Sarault, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, ESI Technologies Inc.

“With the continued expansion of the Internet economy, **customers are demanding robust security solutions,** representing an excellent growth opportunity for our channel partners,” said Steve Simmons, Vice President of Channel Operations, Cisco Systems Canada. “By achieving our VPN/Security Technology Specialization, channel partners like **ESI Technologies,** have the training and knowledge to **deliver scalable and reliable network security solutions.”**

To achieve the VPN/Security Technology Specialization, ESI Technologies had to fill the following job roles with individuals who have met specific testing requirements: an account manager, responsible for the sales methodology of the Cisco VPN/security solutions; a systems engineer, responsible for the network planning and design; and a field engineer, responsible for the implementation and support of VPN/security solution.

About ESI:

ESI offers a wide-range of innovative, network and e-business infrastructure solutions for medium and large-sized organizations. Its comprehensive array of solutions include network integration, computer and network security, consulting, telecommunications, data storage and information management, software development as well as after sale service and support. ESI has forged solid strategic partnerships with leading technology manufacturers, namely: Microsoft, Cisco, Hewlett-Packard, StorageTek, Veritas, Check Point and RSA Security. ESI's head office is located in Montreal with offices in Quebec City and Toronto, Ontario.