

Megaport Integrates With Palo Alto Networks VM-Series Virtual Firewalls

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Brisbane, Australia – 22 June 2023 – Megaport Limited (ASX: MP1) ("Megaport"), a global leading Network as a Service (NaaS) provider, today announced it has completed validation of its product integration with Palo Alto Networks VM-Series Virtual Next-Generation Firewall. Megaport has joined an extensive ecosystem of Palo Alto Networks technology partners to deliver intelligent and interoperable solutions that enable joint customers to innovate faster and solve their network and security challenges more easily.

Customers can improve their security posture by deploying VM-Series virtual firewalls to the edge of their network in minutes. The integration enables instances of Palo Alto Networks VM-Series virtual next-generation firewalls (NGFW) to be hosted on Megaport Virtual Edge (MVE), an on-demand, vendor-neutral Network Function Virtualisation (NFV) service on Megaport's global software-defined network (SDN). The combination of VM-Series virtual firewalls with MVE makes it easier to bring Palo Alto Networks' best-in-class firewalls to Megaport's global network – which spans 25 countries, over 800 locations, and over 280 cloud on-ramps – with private, dedicated connectivity.

With the integration, customers can:

- Instantly deploy Palo Alto Networks VM-Series virtual firewalls with no added hardware.
- Distribute and deploy closer to end users and public cloud applications across 26 countries.
- Deploy Palo Alto Networks VM-Series virtual firewalls in conjunction with other NFV services hosted on Megaport including SD-WAN.
- Simplify deployment of secure multicloud connectivity leveraging Megaport automation and infrastructure.
- Deploy secure edge connectivity quickly and manage these deployments easily.
- Point, click, and provision network interconnection between branch locations, data centres, cloud providers, and IT services.
- Establish secure multicloud connections to over 360 service providers and over 280 cloud on-ramps.

"We are delighted to be a technology partner with Palo Alto Networks, to bring unparalleled security and innovation to our valued customers. This partnership aims to revolutionize the way businesses secure their private and public applications, branch locations, and critical infrastructure across industries. By integrating Palo Alto Networks cutting-edge VM-Series virtual firewall technology into our solution, we are enabling a robust security platform that ensures confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our customer's most vital digital assets," said Michael Reid, CEO of Megaport.

"In order to address the volume and sophistication of today's cyberattacks, it's important that we make it easy for our technology partners to integrate with our products to offer more value to our joint customers in addressing their security needs," said Mukesh Gupta, Product Vice President at Palo Alto Networks. "By completing interoperability validated testing, we can ensure our mutual customers have products that work seamlessly and keep them secure."

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About Megaport

Megaport is a leading provider of Network as a Service (NaaS) solutions. The company's global Software Defined Network (SDN) helps businesses rapidly connect their network to services via an easy-to-use portal or our open API. Megaport offers agile networking capabilities that reduce operating costs and increase speed to market compared to traditional networking solutions. Megaport partners with the world's top cloud service providers, including AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud, as well as the largest data center operators, systems integrators and managed service providers in the world. Megaport is an ISO/IEC 27001-certified company.

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