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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Special Ops Security Announces Strategic Partnership with Next Generation Security Software Ltd.****David Litchfield's Next Generation Security Software Ltd., a worldwide leader in database vulnerability exploit discovery, partners with Special Ops Security to distribute its software in the United States.**

COSTA MESA, California—February 9, 2005—Special Ops Security, Inc., a network security training, assessment and consulting corporation, announced today the formal partnership with David Litchfield's Next Generation Security Software Ltd. (NGS) as exclusive U.S. resellers alongside Black Hat Inc. Special Ops Security will provide deployment and integration services wrapped around the world-class NGS Squirrel database assessment tools, as well as serving as the U.S. sales office for NGS Software.

"We are all *extremely excited* about our partnering arrangement with Special Ops," said David Litchfield, Managing Director of NGS. "This is a dynamic, new company headed by some of the security industry's most renowned experts. They will not only act as resellers for NGS's suite of intelligent application security scanning tools, but also provide hard-earned professional advice when offering a security solution to your organization."

NGS started as Cerberus Information Security Ltd. and was purchased in 2000 by US-based security company @stake Inc. (recently itself acquired by Symantec) and became their European headquarters. In 2001, the six founding directors of Cerberus established NGS, which is one of the largest truly independent security consulting companies in all of Europe. The company is self funded by the directors and has no reliance on, or obligation to, external investors.

Comprising the US-based sales operations for NGS, Special Ops Security can greatly facilitate purchasing for domestic corporations. "We've been admirers of the Litchfields' research and their tools for quite some time" said Erik Pace Birkholz, CEO for Special Ops Security, Inc. "When I heard of the difficulties involved in transatlantic purchase orders with different currencies and time zone hassles, I just knew that this was the right thing to do and the right fit for both companies."

Special Ops Security will resell NGS software immediately, with plans to introduce joint training later this year. "Anyone who has read Microsoft or Oracle critical security vulnerability alerts in the last few years knows of the Litchfields and Next Generation Security Software" said Steven Andrés, Chief Technology Officer for Special Ops Security, Inc. "Some CISOs might not be aware of the fantastic database application security tools that they supply. We're here to correct that."

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## **About Next Generation Security Software Ltd.**

Next Generation Security Software (NGS) Ltd. is the trusted supplier of specialist security software and hi-tech consulting services to large enterprise environments and governments throughout the world. Voted “best in the world” for vulnerability research and discovery in 2003, the company focuses its energies on advanced security solutions to combat today’s threats. NGS maintains the largest penetration testing and security cleared CHECK team in EMEA. Founded in 2001, NGS is headquartered just outside London, with research offices in Scotland, and works with clients on a truly international level.

## **About Special Ops Security**

Headquartered in Orange County, California, Special Ops Security, Inc. is a privately held company that meets the growing demand for specialized information security knowledge by blending consulting, training and technology into a new, hybrid educational solution for our customers. We are committed to delivering tactical and strategic solutions that optimize the people, processes and technology that protect customer data. For more information visit our web site at [www.SpecialOpsSecurity.com](http://www.SpecialOpsSecurity.com) or contact us toll-free at 888-R-U-OWNED.

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