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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	)	
COMMISSION,	)	<b>Case No.</b>
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	<b>COMPLAINT</b>
	)	
PRABHAT K. GOYAL,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	<b>DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL</b>

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Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) alleges:

**SUMMARY**

1. This case concerns a multimillion-dollar financial fraud at Network Associates, Inc. (also known and doing business as Networks Associates, Inc.), a publicly traded manufacturer and supplier of computer programs and hardware based in Santa Clara, California. Defendant Prabhat K. Goyal, who held various senior finance positions at Network Associates, including Chief Financial Officer, engaged in a fraudulent scheme that, among other things, overstated Network Associates’s revenues and earnings in violation of the federal securities laws. As a result of the conduct of Goyal, Network Associates filed false and misleading annual

1 and quarterly reports and financial statements, and securities registration statements, with the  
2 Commission from the second quarter of 1998 through the first quarter of 2001. On October 31,  
3 2003, Network Associates restated its financial results for the third time in five years. The 2003  
4 restatement affected seven years of reported financial results – beginning in 1997 through the  
5 second quarter of 2003. For 1998 alone, the restatement decreased originally reported revenues  
6 by approximately \$562 million, or 57 percent. As result of the restatement, the total revenues for  
7 the period decreased by \$291 million. The bulk of the revenue adjustments involved periods  
8 during which Goyal served as Network Associates’s Chief Financial Officer.

9 2. The core of the fraud was Network Associates’s recording of hundreds of millions  
10 of dollars of revenue on sales transactions with distributors that violated Generally Accepted  
11 Accounting Principles (“GAAP”). Goyal used a variety of undisclosed methods to oversell  
12 Network Associates products to its distributors in order to record the inflated revenue. In  
13 particular, Goyal and others at his direction:

- 14 A. used a wholly-owned Network Associates subsidiary, Net  
15 Tools, Inc., to repurchase products previously sold to  
16 distributors in order to reduce distributor inventory levels and  
17 limit product returns,
- 18 B. made secret payments to distributors to induce them to hold  
19 excess inventory and buy more products,
- 20 C. offered distributors deep discounts and rebates on amounts that  
21 distributors already owed to Network Associates for prior  
22 product purchases and from which Network Associates already  
23 had recorded revenues, and
- 24 D. sold products to distributors on consignment in violation of  
25 Network Associates’s written sales contracts and stated  
26 revenue recognition practices.

27 3. Goyal took action to conceal the fraud. For example, Goyal improperly inflated  
28 inadequate sales reserves to cover the cost of the undisclosed distributor payments and

1 concessions by raiding unrelated tax reserve accounts. Additionally, Goyal participated in sham  
2 transactions that lacked economic substance between Network Associates and certain third  
3 parties in order to bolster revenue in particular quarters. In further effort to cover up the fraud,  
4 Goyal directed sales of Network Associates's accounts receivables when he knew that  
5 distributors were not paying in full for the receivables and within contract terms, thereby creating  
6 and perpetuating the false appearance that Network Associates had robust, non-discounted  
7 product sales.

8 4. Goyal's accounting scheme unraveled in the fourth quarter of 2000 when, after  
9 eleven quarters of stuffing products into the distribution channel, Network Associates's  
10 distributors held huge inventories of Network Associates's products and were unwilling to make  
11 additional product purchases. Consequently, on December 26, 2000, Network Associates  
12 announced that its sales for that quarter would be only \$55 million, dramatically less than  
13 Goyal's public projection on October 14, 2000 of \$245 million. On the same day, Network  
14 Associates announced Goyal's departure without explanation.

15 5. Nearly three years later, on October 31, 2003, Network Associates filed a  
16 restatement that materially affected twenty quarters of previously reported financial results -  
17 from 1997 through 2002. Among other things, the company acknowledged that material  
18 amounts of revenue for that period had been recorded in violation of GAAP. As a result,  
19 Network Associates recalculated all revenue previously recognized at the time of sale to a  
20 distributor from 1998 through 2000 to reflect a postponement of the revenue recognition until the  
21 time a distributor actually sold the products.

22 6. While Goyal was aware that Network Associates's reported revenues and  
23 earnings had been artificially inflated through this undisclosed fraudulent scheme, he sold  
24 Network Associates stock, along with shares of the company's subsidiary, McAfee.com, for  
25 proceeds of nearly \$11 million.

26 7. By engaging in the acts alleged in this complaint, Goyal violated, and aided and  
27 abetted Network Associates's violations of, the antifraud provisions of the federal securities  
28 laws. Goyal also aided and abetted Network Associates's violations of the books and records,

1 internal accounting controls, and reporting provisions of the federal securities laws. Goyal  
2 further violated federal securities law provisions prohibiting lying to Network Associates's  
3 independent auditors. Unless enjoined by this Court, Goyal may violate these laws in the future.  
4 The Commission requests that the Court permanently enjoin Goyal from engaging in further  
5 violations, order an accounting, order disgorgement plus prejudgment interest, impose civil  
6 penalties based upon his conduct described above, and bar Goyal from acting as an officer or  
7 director of any public company.

### 8 **JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

9 8. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b), 20(d), and  
10 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), 77t(d), and 77v(a)]  
11 and Sections 21(d) and (e), 21A, and 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange  
12 Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d) and (e), 78u-1, and 78aa].

13 9. Venue properly lies in this Court pursuant to Section 22 of the Securities Act [15  
14 U.S.C. § 77v] and Section 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78aa] because Goyal transacted  
15 business in this judicial district, because offers and sales of the securities at issue in this case  
16 took place in this judicial district, and because certain of the acts and transactions constituting the  
17 violations in this case occurred within this judicial district.

18 10. Goyal made use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce in  
19 connection with the acts alleged in this complaint.

20 11. A substantial part of the events that gave rise to the claims occurred in Santa  
21 Clara County, California. However, related criminal and civil cases against Terry W. Davis,  
22 concerning the same or substantially similar conduct as alleged herein, have been filed in this  
23 Division. *United States of America v. Terry W. Davis, CR-03-0172-MJJ; Securities and*  
24 *Exchange Commission v. Terry W. Davis, C-03-2729-MJJ.*

### 25 **THE DEFENDANT**

26 12. Goyal joined McAfee Associates, Inc. in March 1996 and was named its Vice  
27 President of Finance, Corporate Controller, and Treasurer in April 1996. Goyal became McAfee  
28 Associate's Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Finance and Administration, and

1 Secretary in October 1996. In December 1997, Network General and McAfee Associates  
2 combined to form Network Associates. Goyal served as CFO and Vice President of Finance and  
3 Administration after the formation of Network Associates. On January 2, 2001, Goyal resigned  
4 from his management positions, but remained employed by Network Associates for an additional  
5 year as a “Special Advisor” pursuant to an agreement granting him a full salary of \$300,000, a  
6 bonus of \$200,000, and vesting of all available options through January 2, 2002. Goyal is a  
7 Chartered Accountant and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and  
8 Wales.

### 9 **THE ISSUER**

10 13. Network Associates, Inc., a Delaware corporation with principal offices in Santa  
11 Clara, California, manufactures and sells computer software and hardware relating to network  
12 security, anti-virus, and network management. Its common stock is registered with the  
13 Commission pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l(b)]. During the  
14 relevant period, Network Associates traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol  
15 “NETA.” On February 12, 2002, Network Associates moved its listing from the Nasdaq  
16 National Market to the New York Stock Exchange and its common stock began trading under the  
17 symbol “NET.” Between 1998 and 2002, Network Associates filed registration statements with  
18 the Commission for several debt and equity securities offerings.

### 19 **APPLICABLE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

20 14. As a public company, Network Associates was required to comply with, among  
21 other things, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, and the regulations of the Commission.  
22 These laws and regulations are intended to protect the investing public by ensuring that public  
23 companies like Network Associates fairly, accurately, and timely report their financial results  
24 and condition. To ensure fair and accurate reports to the investing public, the federal securities  
25 laws and the Commission’s regulations promulgated thereunder require public companies such  
26 as Network Associates to prepare and present its reports and financial statements in conformity  
27 with GAAP. Financial statements filed with the Commission that are not prepared in accordance  
28 with GAAP are presumed to be misleading and inaccurate. Regulation S-X § 210.4-01 [17 CFR

1 § 210.4-01].

2 15. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement of Position 97-  
3 2, *Software Revenue Recognition* ("SOP 97-2"), and related interpretations are the principal  
4 GAAP provisions that apply to the recording or "recognizing" of revenue from transactions  
5 involving software and software licenses. These accounting principles provide that revenue may  
6 not be recognized at the time of sale unless an arrangement satisfies all four of the following  
7 criteria: (a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (b) delivery of the product has  
8 occurred, (c) the fee is fixed or determinable, and (d) collectibility of the purchase price is  
9 probable. In the financial reports filed with the Commission and signed by Goyal, Network  
10 Associates claimed that it had recognized revenue in accordance with GAAP.

11 **THE REVENUE INFLATION SCHEME**

12 16. In the second quarter of 1998, Network Associates changed the manner in which  
13 it sold its software and related products. Instead of selling directly to end-user customers  
14 through its own sales force, Network Associates contracted with distributors who purchased  
15 product from Network Associates and then sold the product to resellers, who in turn, sold the  
16 product to end-users. Contemporaneously, the company adopted a new revenue recognition  
17 practice pursuant to which the company recorded revenue at the time of the sale to the  
18 distributor, less a reserve for returns. This methodology is commonly referred to as the "sell-in"  
19 method of accounting.

20 17. Beginning in 1998 and continuing through 2000, Goyal and other senior Network  
21 Associates officers formulated quarterly revenue goals for the company. These goals were set in  
22 contemplation of Wall Street analysts' estimates and projections. Network Associates's success  
23 or failure in achieving these revenue targets was taken into account in awarding quarterly  
24 bonuses for Network Associates's executives, including Goyal. Goyal announced these revenue  
25 and earnings goals in publicly disseminated press releases and quarterly conference calls with  
26 Wall Street analysts.

27 18. To meet the quarterly revenue goals, Network Associates's sales managers and  
28 other senior employees sold products to distributors in specified dollar amounts. In these sales

1 transactions, referred to as “buy-ins” and memorialized in “buy-in letters,” distributors  
2 purportedly agreed to purchase Network Associates’s products each quarter in large dollar  
3 amounts. Goyal set targets for the dollar amount of the buy-ins for Network Associates’s major  
4 distributors for each quarter and these negotiations occurred during the last weeks of a quarter.  
5 Goyal then reviewed and approved the terms of all deals negotiated with distributors to ensure  
6 that Network Associates met its revenue goals. Typically, these agreements were negotiated  
7 with distributors during the last weeks of a quarter, and Network Associates immediately  
8 recognized a portion of the revenues from these purported sales. However, Goyal and other  
9 senior managers at Network Associates adopted a variety of undisclosed ploys to use the buy-ins  
10 to oversell Network Associates’s products to its distributors in order to improperly record  
11 hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue in violation of GAAP.

## **GOYAL PARTICIPATED IN THE REVENUE INFLATION SCHEME**

### **A. Goyal Established Net Tools, Inc. to**

#### **Repurchase Inventory from Distributors**

15 19. In the second quarter of 1998, at Goyal’s direction, Network Associates created a  
16 wholly owned subsidiary, Net Tools, Inc. (“Net Tools”). Goyal was the president and sole  
17 director of Net Tools. Goyal used Net Tools for one primary purpose – to repurchase inventory  
18 that Network Associates had oversold to its distributors. Network Associates induced  
19 distributors to enter into large buy-ins with the understanding that the distributors could sell their  
20 excess inventory to Net Tools, rather than return the product to Network Associates.

21 20. Goyal controlled the use of Net Tools. Network Associates’s distributors would  
22 demand – often in the last few days before the end of a quarter, as they were negotiating another  
23 buy-in deal – that Network Associates repurchase all or a portion of the distributor’s unsold  
24 inventory. Goyal approved the distributor demands that Net Tools purchase unsold inventories  
25 of Network Associates’s products.

26 21. At Goyal’s direction, Network Associates used Net Tools to repurchase products  
27 that Network Associates had sold to its distributors, thereby avoiding subsequent returns of  
28 inventory by the distributors. By reducing the amount of recorded returns, Network Associates

1 was able to maintain lower returns reserves and, thus, report higher revenues.

2 22. From June 1998 through 2000, Goyal used Net Tools to repurchase a total of  
3 approximately \$80 million worth of Network Associates's products from distributors. In public  
4 statements, and Commission filings that Goyal signed, Network Associates never disclosed that  
5 it used a subsidiary to repurchase product from Network Associates's distributors, or the impact  
6 of such repurchases on Network Associates's recognition of revenue from the initial sale of the  
7 repurchased product.

8 23. Network Associates's recognition of revenue upon sale to its distributors, while  
9 employing Net Tools to repurchase product for eventual resale, failed to conform with GAAP.  
10 Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 48, *Revenue Recognition When Right of*  
11 *Return Exists*, prohibits the immediate recognition of revenue if, among other things, the seller  
12 (i.e., Network Associates) has "significant obligations for future performance to directly bring  
13 about resale of the product" for the distributor. Through Net Tools, Network Associates directly  
14 assisted distributors in the resale of Network Associates's products. Consequently, Network  
15 Associates should not have recorded revenue from the initial sales, and, as a result, Network  
16 Associates reported revenues during the relevant period were materially misstated.

17 **B. Goyal Directed Disguised Payments and Discounts to Distributors**

18 24. In order to reduce distributor returns, encourage new buy-in agreements, and  
19 induce distributors to accept greater quantities of Network Associates's products, Goyal also  
20 authorized secret payments to distributors, including Ingram Micro, Inc. ("Ingram Micro") and  
21 Merisel, Inc. ("Merisel"), as well as undisclosed deep discounts on amounts that distributors  
22 purportedly owed Network Associates for products purchased under previous buy-in agreements.  
23 Network Associates never adequately reserved for these undisclosed discounts, payments, and  
24 other concessions allowed to its distributors, and, as a result, such revenues were not recorded in  
25 conformity with GAAP. Consequently, Network Associates's publicly reported revenues were  
26 materially overstated.

27 25. Goyal also approved substantial rebates to distributors in the form of "price  
28 protection," to reimburse distributors for the discounts that the distributors gave to their



1 customers to meet or beat the prices of Network Associates's competitors. Consequently, the  
2 payments that distributors purportedly had agreed to make under the terms of the buy-in  
3 agreements were reduced by the amounts of the price protection reimbursements. From 1998  
4 through 2000, Goyal granted Network Associates's largest distributor, Ingram Micro,  
5 approximately \$185 million in price protection discounts on invoices by Network Associates  
6 totaling \$1.1 billion, reducing Ingram Micro's payment obligations to Network Associates by  
7 nearly seventeen percent.

8         26. Goyal also granted distributors large discounts on amounts owed to Network  
9 Associates through a "stock rotation" program. The program allowed distributors to exchange  
10 less-marketable Network Associates inventory that had been previously purchased by the  
11 distributors, for a new order in the same dollar amount. The practical effect was that distributors  
12 were allowed to discount payments they were obligated to make pursuant to their buy-in  
13 agreements by the dollar amounts of the inventory exchanged. In 1999 and 2000, Goyal  
14 approved nearly \$165.9 million in stock rotation discounts to Ingram Micro on a total of \$744.6  
15 million invoiced by Network Associates, a discount of twenty-two percent.

16         27. Throughout 1999 and 2000, Goyal approved cash payments to distributors for the  
17 deep discounts and concessions granted the distributors, rather than allowing a deduction in  
18 amounts owed. Goyal approved payments to Ingram Micro from 1999 through 2000 totaling  
19 approximately \$121.3 million. In one instance in November 1999, Goyal paid Ingram Micro  
20 over \$21 million in eight separate wire transfers. The purpose of the payments was to  
21 compensate Ingram Micro for the discounts, fees, and other concessions that Ingram Micro had  
22 demanded from Network Associates. To disguise the purpose of the payments, Goyal directed  
23 that the wire transfers be accompanied by eight misleading letters purporting to characterize the  
24 payments as reimbursement for expenses such as "marketing fund rebates and other promotional  
25 programs." A similar set of letters also accompanied \$11.9 million in payments made on June  
26 12, 2000 to the same distributor. From August through October 2000, Goyal approved  
27 additional payments to the same distributor totaling \$27 million.

28         28. One purpose of the disguised payments was to induce the distributors not to return

1 unsold inventory to Network Associates. Goyal knew that product returns, if properly accounted  
2 for on Network Associates's financial statements, would reduce revenues by corresponding  
3 amounts, thereby making it difficult or impossible for Network Associates to meet its quarterly  
4 revenue targets. In one instance, near the end of the first quarter of 2000, Ingram Micro  
5 demanded a fee for holding "excess inventory" of Network Associates products because this  
6 distributor already held over \$54 million in excess Network Associates inventory. Rather than  
7 accept a return and properly reduce recorded revenue, Goyal instead agreed to discount the  
8 amount that Ingram Micro owed by two percent of the value of the excess inventory – or  
9 approximately \$1.1 million. This discount was memorialized in a side letter dated March 8,  
10 2000. Subsequently, Ingram Micro held the excess Network Associates inventory and, on March  
11 24, 2000, entered into a new agreement to purportedly purchase approximately \$31.4 million in  
12 additional Network Associates products.

13         29. The discounts, rebates, and payments that Goyal approved had a significant effect  
14 on Network Associates's actual cash collections from distributors. For example, Ingram Micro  
15 paid Network Associates only 1.7 cents for every dollar invoiced in 2000. On average, from  
16 1998 through 2000, the same distributor paid only 32 cents for every dollar it was invoiced by  
17 Network Associates.

18         30. Under SOP 97-2, in order to recognize revenue upon sale to a distributor, the fees  
19 – or product purchase price – must be "fixed or determinable at the date of sale". SOP 97-2  
20 further provides that a "fixed fee" is a "fee required to be paid at a set amount that is not subject  
21 to refund or adjustment." As a result of the payments, discounts, rebates, and other concessions  
22 granted to distributors that were authorized and directed by Goyal, Network Associates's fees  
23 during the relevant period were not "fixed or determinable" at the time it sold its products to  
24 distributors. Network Associates admitted in its October 2003 restatement that "accounting for  
25 sales to distribution partners in 1998, 1999 and 2000" violated GAAP due to the "concessions,  
26 including return rights and stock rotation rights, that were being offered to distributors outside  
27 the contractual terms."

28         31. Accordingly, Network Associates's premature recognition of revenue during 1998

1 through 2000 failed to conform with GAAP and rendered the financial statements in periodic  
2 reports that Network Associates filed with the Commission during that period false and  
3 materially misleading.

4 **C. Goyal Fraudulently Manipulated Tax Reserve**  
5 **Accounts in Order to Increase Inadequate Sales**  
6 **Reserves and Disguise Payments to Distributors**

7 32. Goyal knew or was reckless in not knowing that his practice of granting  
8 discounts, payments, and rebates to distributors negated Network Associates ability to  
9 immediately recognize revenue under GAAP, including SOP 97-2, on its sales to distributors.  
10 Goyal also knew or was reckless in not knowing that accounting for these distributor concessions  
11 in accordance with GAAP would have required Network Associates to increase its returns  
12 reserves and, correspondingly, reduce revenues. In order to avoid reducing Network  
13 Associates's revenues, and possibly missing quarterly revenue targets, Goyal improperly directed  
14 that Network Associates's returns reserves be increased, not by reducing revenues, but, instead,  
15 by transferring amounts from tax reserve accounts.

16 33. Goyal directed these improper transfers from the tax reserves to the returns  
17 reserves by instructing Network Associates's former Corporate Controller Terry W. Davis to  
18 make a series of entries in Network Associates's general ledger that decreased the tax reserve  
19 accounts and increased unrelated returns reserve accounts. In one example, to prevent Network  
20 Associates from missing its revenue target for the fourth quarter of 1999, Goyal directed Davis to  
21 transfer \$15 million from a tax-related reserve to a returns reserve. Goyal knew that if the \$15  
22 million had been properly accounted for, Network Associates revenues for the quarter would  
23 have been reduced by \$15 million.

24 34. Goyal directed most of the improper tax reserve transfers to offset cash payments  
25 made to Ingram Micro. Specifically, over fifty percent of the \$121.3 million paid to Ingram  
26 Micro for discounts, rebates, and other payments was improperly transferred out of Network  
27 Associates tax reserve accounts at Goyal's direction.

28 35. Goyal knew or was reckless in not knowing that these improper transfers violated

1 GAAP, including Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes*, and  
2 Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 5, *Accounting for Contingencies*. On June  
3 28, 2002, Network Associates restated its financial statements for the period 1998 through 2000  
4 to correct the improper tax account transfers. The restatement resulted in a reversal of  
5 approximately \$43.5 million in revenue in 1999 and 2000.

#### 6 **D. Goyal Negotiated Improper “Round-trip”**

##### 7 **Investment Transactions to Bolster Revenue**

8 36. During the relevant period, Goyal engineered sham transactions with third parties  
9 solely to inflate Network Associates’s revenues. In these transactions, Network Associates made  
10 cash investments in entities that, simultaneously, purportedly purchased Network Associates  
11 products. These transactions essentially resulted in a circular flow of money from and back to  
12 Network Associates, of which Network Associates then improperly recognized a portion as  
13 revenue.

14 37. On or about December 31, 1998, Goyal signed an agreement for Network  
15 Associates to invest \$8 million in NeoPlanet, Inc., a company offering a free web browser. The  
16 stock purchase agreement incorporated a separate contract in which NeoPlanet paid Network  
17 Associates \$4 million, also on December 31, 1998, for non-refundable software licenses and  
18 support. However, prior to receiving the cash from Network Associates, NeoPlanet had a  
19 minimal or zero cash balance as of December 31, 1998, and could not have paid the \$4 million to  
20 Network Associates.

21 38. Similarly, on March 10, 1999, Goyal approved a \$10 million investment in  
22 Tesserae Information Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of technology used in Internet search  
23 engines. On the same day, Tesserae paid Network Associates \$5 million to license Network  
24 Associates’s software. Ultimately, Tesserae never licensed any Network Associates’s software  
25 and could not have paid the \$5 million to Network Associates’s for the licenses without first  
26 receiving funds from Network Associates.

27 39. In its October 31, 2003 restatement, Network Associates reduced the reported  
28 revenue related to the Neoplanet and Tesserae deals based upon a determination that the revenue

1 from these transactions failed to conform with GAAP because, among other problems, the  
2 transactions “lacked economic substance.”

3 **E. Goyal Allowed Consignment Sales Agreements with Distributors**  
4 **That Conflicted with the Terms of the Buy-in Deals and Rendered**  
5 **Revenue Recognition Improper Under GAAP and Network**  
6 **Associates’s Revenue Recognition Policies**

7 40. Goyal allowed distributors to ignore their payment obligations under the terms of  
8 buy-in letters and distribution contracts, and defer payments to Network Associates until after the  
9 distributors had resold Network Associates’s products to their customers. As Network  
10 Associates’s Chief Financial Officer, Goyal was responsible for ensuring that the company’s  
11 product sales to distributors were recorded accurately in the company’s books and records,  
12 including the receipt of all distributor payments. Goyal approved the buy-in terms with the  
13 distributors and knew, or recklessly disregarded, that the post-contractual contingencies with  
14 distributors rendered Network Associates’s immediate recognition of revenue from its product  
15 sales to distributors inappropriate under GAAP.

16 41. Certain Network Associates’s customers, including Network Associates’s second  
17 and third largest U.S. distributors, understood that they were not obligated to pay for Network  
18 Associates’s products until after they had sold the products to customers.

19 42. In practice, Goyal allowed distributors to sell on consignment, in violation of  
20 Network Associates’s stated revenue recognition policy, which, in turn, rendered the company’s  
21 immediate recognition of revenue under these circumstances improper under GAAP. SOP 97-2  
22 dictates that arrangements in which a distributor is obligated to pay only as, and if, sales are  
23 made, should be accounted for as consignments whereby the vendor can only recognize revenue  
24 after the distributor has sold the product. Goyal was aware that distributors routinely departed  
25 from their payment terms in a manner that rendered it inappropriate for Network Associates to  
26 immediately recognize revenues from the affected sales, but he failed to ensure that revenue  
27 from distributor sales was reflected accurately in the company’s financial results.

28 43. In its October 31, 2003 restatement, Network Associates acknowledged that its

1 “accounting for sales to distribution partners in 1998, 1999 and 2000” violated GAAP due to  
2 “concessions, including ... the company ... not obligating distributors to pay for delivered  
3 inventory until they had sold the inventory.”

#### 4 **F. Goyal Directed the Improper Sale of Accounts Receivable**

5 44. As a result of the practice of allowing distributors to delay payment or not pay  
6 their invoices in full, Network Associates accumulated on its balance sheet millions of dollars of  
7 aging receivables. Consequently, “days sales outstanding” (“DSO”) – a numerical calculation  
8 that reflects how many days it takes a company to collect its accounts receivable – was directly  
9 affected. Wall Street analysts regarded DSO as an important indicator of Network Associates’s  
10 financial health; the larger the number, the more likely analysts would call into question the  
11 quality of the receivables and the related revenue. In fact, Goyal and other senior executives’  
12 quarterly bonuses were tied to lowering the DSO. To reduce DSO and get cash “in the door,”  
13 Goyal sold approximately \$261 million of Network Associates’s receivables from 1998 through  
14 2000 to banks for cash and removed the receivables from the balance sheet.

15 45. In practice, however, the sales of receivables operated as bank loans to Network  
16 Associates. Goyal signed financing agreements with banks in which Network Associates agreed  
17 to act as the banks’ “collection agent” for the receivables. The financing agreements also  
18 guaranteed the receivables in the event the banks were unable to collect payment from the  
19 distributor, leaving Network Associates with the risk of loss in these sales. As a result, when  
20 Network Associates’s distributors delayed payments or did not pay invoices in full, Network  
21 Associates paid the banks. For example, on December 31, 1998, Goyal approved the sale to a  
22 bank of approximately \$16.7 million of Ingram Micro’s accounts receivable invoices, but only  
23 received payment from Ingram Micro of approximately \$156,000 relating to the same  
24 receivables. Network Associates then used its own cash to pay down the amounts owed to the  
25 bank.

26 46. In its October 2003 restatement, Network Associates admitted that the sales of its  
27 receivables during 1998 through 2000 were inconsistent with GAAP. Financial Accounting  
28 Standard No. 125, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and*

1 *Extinguishments of Liabilities* (“FAS 125”) provides that a company’s receivables must be valid  
2 and payable within written contract terms in order to be properly removed from the balance  
3 sheet. However, because Network Associates’s customers were not obligated to pay until sell-  
4 out, the invoices, which were based on a sell-in revenue recognition policy, did not constitute a  
5 right to receive cash from distributors to whom the invoices were issued, and, therefore, no  
6 receivables existed to be transferred.

7 47. Network Associates never adequately disclosed the financing arrangements in the  
8 footnotes of the company’s annual and quarterly financial statements. Paragraph 17 of FAS 125,  
9 requires disclosure of all off-balance sheet financing in the Management’s Discussion and  
10 Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A) portion of its periodic  
11 Commission filings. In its 1998 through 2000 filings, which were signed by Goyal, Network  
12 Associates failed to disclose that its accounts receivables often were uncollectible because  
13 Network Associates’s customers were not obligated to pay for products until they had sold them,  
14 and that, as a result, the accounts receivables could not be sold and removed from the balance  
15 sheet. Rather, Network Associates merely stated: “To address [an] increase in accounts  
16 receivable and to improve cash flows, we may from time to time take actions to encourage  
17 earlier payment of receivables and sell receivables.” In fact, Network Associates sold  
18 receivables in every quarter in 1998, the first quarter 1999, and the second quarter 2000, and in  
19 each instance improperly reduced the company’s accounts receivable balances. Having allowed  
20 distributors to ignore payment terms and purchase products on consignment, Goyal knew, or was  
21 reckless in not knowing, that the receivables he sold to the banks were not valid receivables at  
22 the time of the transactions, and that, as a result, it was improper for Network Associates to  
23 remove these receivables from its balance sheet.

#### 24 **G. Goyal Signed False SEC Filings and False**

#### 25 **Management Representation Letters to Auditors**

26 48. From 1998 through 2000, Goyal signed thirteen Forms 10-Q and 10-Q/A, six  
27 Forms 10-K and 10-K/A, and seventeen registration statements that Network Associates filed  
28 with the Commission. In each of these periodic reports and registration statements, Goyal falsely

1 represented that Network Associates's financial statements were prepared in conformity with  
2 GAAP.

3 49. Goyal never disclosed or caused Network Associates to disclose in the periodic  
4 reports to the Commission that Network Associates used Net Tools to repurchase oversold  
5 product from distributors, made secret payments and discounts to distributors, fraudulently  
6 manipulated its tax accounts to prop up reserves, improperly sold its accounts receivable, and  
7 entered into sham "round-trip" transactions to fraudulently boost revenues. When Goyal signed  
8 Network Associates's periodic reports, he knew or was reckless in not knowing, that the  
9 accompanying financial statements were materially false and misleading.

10 50. With knowledge of the fraudulent accounting scheme, Goyal signed other  
11 documents that Network Associates filed with the Commission, including securities registration  
12 statements. When Goyal signed these filings, he knew or was reckless in not knowing, that  
13 Network Associates financial statements, incorporated in the filings, were materially false and  
14 misleading.

15 51. Goyal also misled investors when he made other materially false or misleading  
16 public statements regarding Network Associates's financial health. For example, in a conference  
17 call with investors and analysts on October 14, 2000, Goyal, with knowledge of the fraudulent  
18 accounting scheme, projected fourth quarter revenue as high as \$245 million and profit of \$0.32  
19 per share, without disclosing his knowledge of the company's improper revenue recognition  
20 practices and other fraudulent practices. Later, on December 26, 2000, after Goyal had been  
21 dismissed by Network Associates's board of directors, Network Associates announced that its  
22 fourth quarter revenues would be only \$55 million, 78 percent lower than Goyal had projected  
23 only two months earlier.

24 52. Goyal signed management representation letters that Network Associates  
25 presented to its independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, in connection with audits of  
26 Network Associates's consolidated financial statements, in addition to interim consolidated  
27 financial statements, as of March 31, 2000, June 30, 2000, and September 30, 2000 and a Form  
28 S-8 Registration Statement filed on July 21, 2000. The management representation letters



1 contained the following confirmations, among others: (a) that Network Associates's financial  
2 statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP, (b) that there were no material transactions  
3 that were not properly recorded in Network Associates's accounting records underlying its  
4 financial statements, (c) that he had disclosed to the independent auditors all sales terms,  
5 including all rights of return or price adjustments, and all warranty provisions, and (d) that there  
6 had been no (i) fraud involving management or employees who had significant roles in internal  
7 control, or (ii) fraud involving others that could have a material effect on the financial  
8 statements. When Goyal signed the management representation letters to Network Associates's  
9 independent auditors, he was aware of his role and the roles of others in the fraudulent  
10 accounting and related transactions at Network Associates, and, as a result, he knew or was  
11 reckless in not knowing that the letters contained false statements and material  
12 misrepresentations.

13 **GOYAL SOLD STOCK WHILE IN POSSESSION OF**  
14 **MATERIAL, NONPUBLIC INFORMATION**

15 53. From 1998 through December 2000, Network Associates paid Goyal a base  
16 annual salary of approximately \$300,000. He was also paid quarterly performance bonuses  
17 totaling \$134,107, \$136,313, and \$190,250 in 1998, 1999, and 2000, respectively, and was  
18 awarded incentive stock options. Throughout 1998, he exercised stock options and sold Network  
19 Associates stock for proceeds of approximately \$3.2 million.

20 54. In the fourth quarter of 2000, the company announced Goyal's departure.  
21 However, he was retained by the company as a "Special Advisor" for an additional one-year  
22 term. In his new capacity, beginning January 1, 2001, Goyal continued to receive his base pay of  
23 \$300,000, a \$200,000 bonus for 2001, and the vesting of all available stock options. In 2001,  
24 while acting as Special Advisor to the company, he exercised stock options and sold Network  
25 Associates shares for proceeds of approximately \$2.2 million.

26 55. On December 1, 1999, Network Associates sold, in an initial public offering,  
27 6,250,000 shares, or a 25% stake, in McAfee Associates, creating McAfee.com Corporation. At the  
28 time, Goyal was issued options for 360,000 McAfee.com shares. Throughout 2001, while acting

1 as special advisor to Network Associates, Goyal exercised options and sold McAfee.com shares  
2 for proceeds of approximately \$4.6 million.

3 56. From January 28, 2002 to March 8, 2002, long before the fraud that Goyal had  
4 participated in was publicly disclosed, Goyal exercised options and sold Network Associates  
5 shares for proceeds of \$816,428. In total, Goyal realized approximately \$6.3 million from his  
6 1998, 2001, and 2002 sales of Network Associates stock while in possession of material  
7 nonpublic information regarding Network Associates inflated revenues.

8 **FIRST CLAIM**  
9 **Goyal Violated Securities Act Section 17(a), Exchange Act Section 10(b)**  
10 **and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5**  
11 **[Financial Fraud]**

12 57. Paragraphs 1 through 56 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

13 58. Goyal, in connection with the offer, purchase, or sale of securities, knowingly or  
14 recklessly made material misrepresentations and omissions of fact concerning Network  
15 Associates's financial condition and operating results for the period from 1997 through 2000 in  
16 financial statements, periodic reports, and securities registrations filed with the Commission.

17 59. By reason of the foregoing, Goyal violated Securities Act Section 17(a) [15  
18 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] and Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule  
19 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

20 **SECOND CLAIM**  
21 **Goyal Aided and Abetted Network Associates's Violations of**  
22 **Securities Act Section 17(a), Exchange Act Section 10(b) and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5**  
23 **[Financial Fraud]**

24 60. Paragraphs 1 through 59 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

25 61. Goyal knowingly and substantially participated and assisted in Network  
26 Associates's scheme to make material misrepresentations and omissions of fact in connection  
27 with the offer, purchase, or sale of securities concerning Network Associates's financial  
28 condition and operating results for the period from 1997 through 2000 in financial statements,  
periodic reports, and securities registrations filed with the Commission.

1           62. By reason of the foregoing, Goyal aided and abetted violations of Securities Act  
2 Section 17(a) [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)], and  
3 Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

4                                   **THIRD CLAIM**

5                                   **Goyal Violated Securities Act Section 17(a), Exchange Act Section 10(b)**  
6                                   **and Exchange Act Rule 10b-5**  
7                                   **[Insider Trading]**

8           63. Paragraphs 1 through 62 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

9           64. Goyal sold Network Associates stock while in possession of material nonpublic  
10 information concerning Network Associates's true financial condition, in breach of his fiduciary  
11 duties to Network Associates and its shareholders.

12           65. By reason of the foregoing, Goyal violated Securities Act Section 17(a) [15  
13 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Exchange Act Section 10(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Exchange Act Rule 10b-  
14 5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5].

15                                   **FOURTH CLAIM**

16                                   **Goyal Violated Exchange Act Section 13(b)(5) and**  
17                                   **Exchange Act Rules 13b2-1 and 13b2-2**  
18                                   **[Falsifying Books and Records and Making False Statements to Auditors]**

19           66. Paragraphs 1 through 65 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

20           67. Goyal deliberately circumvented internal accounting controls in order to falsify  
21 Network Associates's books and records.

22           68. Goyal, directly or indirectly, falsified or caused to be falsified, books, records, or  
23 accounts subject to Exchange Act Section 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A)].

24           69. Goyal knowingly and substantially participated and assisted in a scheme to cause  
25 false and misleading entries in Network Associates's books and records.

26           70. Goyal knowingly or recklessly made and caused to be made materially false  
27 statements and omissions of material fact to accountants in connection with their audits and  
28 reviews of Network Associates's financial statements.

          71. By reason of the foregoing, Goyal violated Section 13(b)(5) [15 U.S.C. §  
78m(b)(5)] and Exchange Act Rules 13b2-1 and 13b2-2 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.13b2-1 and 240.13b2-  
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**FIFTH CLAIM**

**Goyal Aided and Abetted Network Associates's Violations of  
Exchange Act Sections 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B)  
[Books and Records and Internal Controls Violations]**

72. Paragraphs 1 through 71 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

73. Goyal knowingly and substantially participated and assisted in Network Associates's failure to make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflected its transactions and disposition of assets.

74. Goyal knowingly and substantially participated and assisted in Network Associates's failure to devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that transactions were recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP.

75. By reason of the foregoing, Goyal aided and abetted violations of Exchange Act Sections 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(b)(2)(A) and 78m(b)(2)(B)].

**SIXTH CLAIM**

**Goyal Aided and Abetted Network Associates's Violations of  
Exchange Act Section 13(a) and Exchange Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, and 13a-13  
[Reporting Violations]**

76. Paragraphs 1 through 75 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

77. Goyal knowingly and substantially participated and assisted in Network Associates's preparation and filing of financial statements that were not presented in conformity with GAAP in its annual, quarterly, and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission from the second quarter of fiscal year 1998 (the period ended June 30, 1998) through the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000 (the period ended December 31, 2000).

78. By reason of the foregoing, Goyal aided and abetted violations of Securities Act Section 17(a) and Exchange Act Sections 13(a) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), 15 U.S.C. § 78(a), 15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)] and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, and 13a-13 [C.F.R. § 240.10b-5, 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, and 240.13a-13].

1 **RELIEF REQUESTED**

2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission respectfully  
3 requests that this Court:

4 **I.**

5 Issue an order of permanent injunction restraining and enjoining Goyal, and his  
6 agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and assigns, and those persons in active concert or  
7 participation with him, and each of them, from violating Securities Act Section 17(a) [15 U.S.C.  
8 § 77q(a)], Exchange Act Sections 10(b) and 13(b)(5) [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78m(b)(5)], and  
9 Exchange Act Rules 10b-5, 13b2-1, and 13b2-2 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5, 240.13b2-1, and  
10 240.13b2-2], and from aiding and abetting violations of Securities Act Section 17(a) and  
11 Exchange Act Sections 10(b),13(a), and 13(b) [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), 15 U.S.C. § 78m(a), 15  
12 U.S.C. § 78m(b)], and Exchange Act Rules 10b-5, 12b-20, 13a-1, and 13a-13 [C.F.R. §  
13 240.10b-5, 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, and 240.13a-13].

14 **II.**

15 Order an accounting by Goyal of all money, property, and other assets directly or  
16 indirectly derived from the conduct alleged herein.

17 **III.**

18 Issue an order directing Goyal to disgorge, with prejudgment interest, all ill-  
19 gotten gains resulting from his conduct alleged herein.

20 **IV.**

21 Issue an order directing Goyal to pay civil monetary penalties under Securities  
22 Act Section 20(d) [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Exchange Act Sections 21(d)(3) and 21A of the  
23 Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d)(3) and 78u-1].

24 **V.**

25 Enter an order under Section 20(e) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(e)] and  
26 Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)] prohibiting Goyal from acting as  
27 an officer or a director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section  
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1 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section  
2 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

3 **VI.**

4 Grant such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

5 Dated: June 16, 2004

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17 **JURY DEMAND**

18 Plaintiff demands trial by jury as to all claims.

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