

Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 & the IDG 9074[®] Secure Communications Controller[®]

THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT RAISES MANY CONCERNS for CIOs and data center managers and will require many companies to change substantially the way they allow access to data. Section 404 is a key part, covering internal controls activities over the creation of financial reports. Fortunately, the patented* IDG 9074[®] Secure Communications Controller[®] can help reduce the stress associated with Section 404 compliance. Below are some of the common problems in dealing with it and features of the IDG 9074 that will aid with compliance:

- **User Account Management**—Using the patent-pending SecureAgent Admin (SAA) software included with the IDG 9074, data center administrators can easily add, delete, or modify user accounts. At both the group and individual level, users can be restricted from accessing particular systems.
- **User Authentication and Authorization**—The IDG 9074 requires user IDs and passwords to establish a connection. Using the included patent-pending SecureAgent software component, all data is encrypted, and passwords are never transmitted in the clear over your network.
- **User access rights termination**—Using SecureAgent Admin's GUI interface, system administrators can easily specify that an individual user ID will be revoked automatically after a specified number of unsuccessful logon attempts. They can also easily terminate (or restrict) a user's access rights.
- **Flexible password services**—Using SAA, data center administrators can easily fine-tune password formats; for example, they can specify a minimum number of characters, how many repetitions of an individual character are allowed, the number of days a password can be used before it must be changed, the number of iterations before a password can be reused, the maximum number of identical characters in the same positions in both old and new passwords, etc.
- **Activity monitoring and auditing**—The IDG 9074 automatically logs connection activity, as well as changes made to its various settings and configuration values, allowing system managers to monitor performance and carry out audits.

We will be happy to discuss in more detail these and additional features of the IDG 9074 that will assist you in complying with Sarbanes-Oxley; please contact your SecureAgent Software representative.

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