

## Representative Vell Placement

**IAN MCKINNON**  
**CEO**



HAYWARD, Calif., Feb. 28 /CNW/ - Certicom Corp. (Nasdaq: CERT; TSE: CIC), a leading provider of mobile e-business security, today announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Ian McKinnon to the role of President and Chief Executive Officer. McKinnon will also become a member of Certicom's Board of Directors.

"We are very grateful to the Office of the President for the great work they accomplished during the last several quarters. They successfully guided Certicom through the diverse challenges posed by the economic downturn, and now the Company has posted its third quarter in a row of exceeding expectations," said Bernard Crotty, Chairman of Certicom's Board of Directors. "We are pleased to announce that we have completed our extensive CEO search and are excited to welcome Ian McKinnon as Certicom's new President and Chief Executive Officer. Ian brings a wealth of experience and complementary strengths to the Company, including a strong background in sales and operational management as well as international business development. We are confident that Ian will provide outstanding leadership to guide Certicom as we capitalize on the expanding opportunities in the global security market." With the appointment of a new CEO (effective March 11, 2002), all senior management will report to McKinnon, who will be based in the Company's Mississauga, Ontario offices.

"I'm very proud to accept this appointment and excited about the promising future at Certicom. With renowned products and technology, world-class employees, and a long list of blue-chip customers and partners, I see great opportunities to leverage Certicom's strong leadership position to both capture new markets and to further dominate the wireless security industry," said McKinnon. "As the proliferation of wireless devices increases and multinational corporations continue to go mobile, Certicom is providing mission-critical security, privacy and trust for Internet and wireless transactions and communications of all kinds."

### **About Certicom**

Certicom is a leading provider of information security software and services, specializing in solutions for mobile e-business. The company's products and services are specifically designed to address the challenges imposed by a wireless data environment. Certicom's solutions incorporate its efficient encryption technology and are based on industry standards for information security that utilize public key cryptography. Certicom's products are currently licensed to more than 300 customers including Cisco Systems, Inc., Handspring Inc., Motorola, Inc., Nortel Networks, Openwave Systems, Inc., Palm, Inc., QUALCOMM, Inc., Research In Motion Ltd., Sony International (Europe) GmbH, and Verizon Communications Inc. Certicom's headquarters and worldwide sales and marketing operations are based in the Silicon Valley in Hayward. For more information, visit Certicom's Web site at <http://www.certicom.com>.