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FORGENT NETWORKS, INC.
SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
JUNE 2, 2009

PROXY STATEMENT OF RED OAK
IN OPPOSITION TO
THE MANAGEMENT OF FORGENT NETWORKS, INC.

WHY YOU WERE SENT THIS PROXY STATEMENT

This proxy statement is being furnished to holders of the common stock of Forgent Networks, Inc. (“ASUR” or the “Company”) in connection with the solicitation of proxies by Red Oak Partners, LLC, The Red Oak Fund, L.P., Pinnacle Fund LLP, Pinnacle Partners LLC, Bear Market Opportunity Fund, L.P. and David Sandberg, whom we refer to collectively as “Red Oak” in this proxy statement, to be used at the Special Meeting of Stockholders (the “Special Meeting”) of ASUR. The Special Meeting will be held at 10 A.M., on June 2, 2008, at the Company's executive offices, 108 Wild Basin Road, Austin, Texas 78746. At the Special Meeting, ASUR is seeking stockholder approval of a 1-for-750 reverse stock split, a 750-for-1 forward stock split (if the reverse stock split is approved), and to approve the postponement or adjournment of the special meeting in the event an insufficient number of shares are present to approve the reverse/forward split. We refer to these as the “Go-Private Proposals” because their effect would be to terminate the Company’s status as a reporting company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, terminate its listed status and thereby deprive the stockholders of readily available information and further limit trading opportunities. The Company’s proxy statement dated April 20, 2009 contains information regarding the Go-Private Proposals, including a description of the material features of the Go-Private plan, and the voting procedures to be followed at the Special Meeting. These items are listed as proposals 1 through 3 in the Company proxy statement.

Red Oak is soliciting proxies AGAINST the approval of the Go-Private Proposals for the reasons noted in this proxy statement. We urge you to vote AGAINST approving the Go-Private Proposals. We are not at this time sending you a separate proxy card granting us your proxy, because you can vote against the Go-Private Proposals by checking the “AGAINST” box on the Company’s proxy card.

Red Oak beneficially owns an aggregate of 2,285,796 shares of ASUR’s total outstanding common stock. Red Oak and its affiliates are ASUR’s largest stockholder. Red Oak owns approximately 7.3% of ASUR’s total outstanding common stock and 7.5% of the common stock held by the public (namely, the common stock held by stockholders other than the board and management).

With regard to stockholder approval of the Go-Private Proposals, the stock exchange rules governing the voting of shares held by brokerage firms for their customers preclude a vote on non-routine matters unless the stockholder gives instructions. Red Oak believes the Go-Private Proposals are not routine. In addition, to approve proposals 1 and 2 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company’s outstanding shares. SO YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

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The persons and entities which constitute Red Oak are described below in the section entitled "Certain Information Regarding the Participants." This proxy statement sometimes refers to Red Oak as "we," "us," "our" and variants of those words.

The principal executive offices of ASUR are located at 108 Wild Basin Road, Austin, Texas 78746. This proxy statement is first being mailed to stockholders on or about May __, 2009.

WE ARE OPPOSING THE GO-PRIVATE PROPOSALS BECAUSE:

- (1) Taking ASUR private is likely to result in severely limited liquidity for remaining shareholders.
- (2) The benefits claimed by the Company from implementing this proposal can for the most part be obtained without depriving the stockholders of a public market.
- (3) Paying out \$0.36 per share to only certain holders is wasteful and unfair.

We believe that the attempt to take the Company private is not in the best interest of stockholders. It will eliminate the requirement that stockholders and the public receive regular financial disclosure and will cause the Company's shares to be removed from NASDAQ. The lack of listing and the non-availability of public financial information is highly likely to result in a lack of liquidity for stockholders wishing to sell and to limit the Company's access to additional capital if needed. Although there can be no assurance the Company shares will continue to be listed on NASDAQ if the Go-private Proposals are defeated, there will still be more opportunities for liquidity if financial information continues to be publicly available.

The Company has attempted to justify these drastic measures by claiming they will result in reduced costs. We agree the Company spends too much but believe the claimed cost savings can be largely achieved without the detriment to the shareholders resulting from the Go-Private Proposals.

WHAT RED OAK WANTS

We agree that actions to enhance stockholder value are needed, and if the Go-Private Proposals are defeated we will seek to work with the existing board of directors, or to elect new directors who will seek to advance this goal. Even if the Go-Private Proposals are adopted we presently intend to nominate a slate of directors for election at the next Company annual meeting which will be comprised of shareholders holding significant investments in the Company. Red Oak is not seeking to control the Company, and intends that a majority of the nominees will be persons not affiliated with Red Oak.

Red Oak believes that the Company's value can be enhanced by taking some or all of the following actions:

• Rightsizing the Company's compensation beginning from the top down. The Company should combine the CEO and COO functions immediately as we firmly believe the Company does not require a CEO separate from the COO.

• According to the Company's proxy statement filed in 2008, the CEO/COO and CFO functions were paid nearly \$1 million in FY 2007 and have been paid salaries nearly equal to the Company's entire current market capitalization value since 2003. This level of spending must be reduced to align with ASUR's level of profitability. Further, with an estimated \$6 million/year in compensation expense across roughly 55 US employees and 40 employees in India, we believe the average US Employee earns more than \$90,000/year, an amount we also believe must be managed better.

• The Company should realign service provider costs, including terminating Ernst & Young as auditor, Winstead PC as legal counsel, and immediately repricing ASUR's egregious \$360,000/year D&O policy. A company of ASUR's size should retain less expensive advisors. We note that in its Company proxy statement, ASUR claims to pay more than \$150,000/year in legal bills related to being a public company. We are confident this can be reduced by a significant amount while the Company remains public.

• The Company should implement a reverse stock split in order to regain NASDAQ compliance with respect to a \$1/share price. We recommend a 10-for-1 split, which would leave ASUR with just over 3 million shares

outstanding and could produce a price above \$1/share.

•The Company should adopt a significant share repurchase program which would offer further liquidity to those shareholders who wish to sell while simultaneously allowing for accretive purchase transactions for the benefit of remaining shareholders.

•The Company should hold annual meetings in a timely manner subsequent to each fiscal year end. We note that with a July fiscal year end, ASUR's 2009 annual meeting should have occurred in the March or April time frame. No such meeting has yet been announced and shareholders should be granted their rights to such a meeting on a regular – and timely – basis. We believe it's in shareholders' best interests to hold the 2009 meeting as soon as possible.

•The Company should elect a board comprised of shareholders with vested interests. The current Board and management team hold a combined 2.3% of ASUR's common stock, which is less than numerous individual shareholders and institutions. We do not believe that a board with low ownership delaying its annual meetings represents good corporate governance. As noted above, we do not seek to control the Board and welcome a board of independent holders.

Red Oak has met and spoken with certain members of senior management and the Board of the Company several times during 2009. During those discussions we made recommendations on ways for ASUR to enhance shareholder value, as discussed above.

WE URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THE GO-PRIVATE PROPOSALS.

WHO CAN VOTE AT THE SPECIAL MEETING

The record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Special Meeting is April 13, 2009 (the "Record Date"). Stockholders of the Company as of the Record Date are entitled to one vote at the Special Meeting for each share of common stock of the Company, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), held on the Record Date. The Company stated in its proxy statement that it had 31,106,298 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on the Record Date.

HOW TO VOTE BY PROXY

Whether you plan to attend the Special Meeting or not, we urge you to vote AGAINST the approval of proposals 1, 2 and 3, the Go-Private Proposals, by completing and returning the proxy card which the Company sent to you, or to contact the bank or broker responsible for your account to instruct them as to how you want to vote. Please contact us at 212 614 8952 if you require assistance in voting your shares. If you have already executed a Company-provided proxy card you can revoke that proxy and we will be happy to assist you to do so.

Properly executed proxies will be voted in accordance with the directions indicated thereon. This means if you check "AGAINST" the Company will follow your direction. If you sign the Company's proxy card but do not make any specific choices, the Company-designated proxy holder will vote your shares FOR the Go-Private Proposals.

You should refer to the Company's proxy statement and form of proxy distributed by the Company for additional information.

If any of your shares are held in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, bank nominee or other institution on the record date, only that entity can vote your shares and only upon its receipt of your specific instructions. Accordingly, please contact the person responsible for your account at such entity and instruct that person to execute and return the Company's proxy card on your behalf indicating a vote AGAINST proposals 1, 2 and 3. You should also sign, date and mail the voting instruction form your broker or banker sends you when you receive it (or, if applicable, vote by following the instructions supplied to you by your bank or brokerage firm, including voting by telephone or via the Internet). Please do this for each account you maintain to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

A large number of banks and brokerage firms are participating in a program that allows eligible stockholders to vote by telephone or via the Internet. If your bank or brokerage firm is participating in the telephone voting program or Internet voting program, then such bank or brokerage firm will provide you with instructions for voting by telephone or the Internet on the voting form. Telephone and internet voting procedures, if available through your bank or brokerage firm, are designed to authenticate your identity to allow you to give your voting instructions and to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded to vote AGAINST proposals 1, 2 and 3. Stockholders voting via the Internet should understand that there might be costs that they must bear associated with electronic access, such as usage charges from Internet access providers and telephone companies. If your bank or brokerage firm does not provide you with a voting form, but you instead receive the Company's proxy card, you should mark the proxy card to indicate a vote AGAINST proposals 1, 2 and 3, date it and sign it, and return it in the Company-provided envelope.

VOTING AND PROXY PROCEDURES

The presence, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the shares of Common Stock outstanding entitled to vote at the Special Meeting will constitute a quorum. If you return valid proxy instructions or attend the meeting in person, your shares will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum, even if you abstain from voting. Broker non-votes also will be counted for purposes for determining the existence of a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker, bank or other nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the broker, bank or other nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner.

In voting with respect to proposals 1, 2 and 3, the Go-Private Proposals, you may vote in favor of the proposal, against the proposal or abstain from voting. Proposals 1 and 2 will be approved only if a quorum is present and a majority of the total outstanding shares vote in favor of the proposals. As a result, for proposals 1 and 2 abstentions and broker non-votes will have the effect of a vote against the approval of the Go-Private plan. For this reason the Company has asked in proposal 3 for authority to postpone the meeting and solicit additional votes in favor of the management proposals. We are asking you to vote AGAINST proposal 3, and on proposal 3 the vote of a majority of the shares voting, if a quorum is present, will determine the outcome.

Any proxy may be revoked by you at any time prior to the time a vote is taken by delivering to the Secretary of the Company a notice of revocation bearing a later date, by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by attending the Special Meeting and voting in person (but attendance at the Special Meeting will not by itself constitute revocation of a prior-delivered proxy).

Only holders of record as of the close of business on the Record Date will be entitled to vote at the Special Meeting. If you were a stockholder of record on the Record Date, you will retain your voting rights for the Special Meeting even if you sell your shares after the Record Date. Accordingly, it is important that you vote the shares held by you on the Record Date, or grant a proxy to vote such shares, even if you sell such shares after the Record Date.

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY VOTE MORE THAN ONCE, ONLY ONE PROXY WILL BE COUNTED AT THE SPECIAL MEETING, AND THAT WILL BE YOUR LATEST-DATED, VALIDLY EXECUTED PROXY.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES; EXPENSES

The entire expense of preparing and mailing this Proxy Statement and any other soliciting material and the total expenditures relating to the solicitation of proxies (including, without limitation, costs, if any, related to advertising, printing, fees of attorneys, financial advisors, solicitors, accountants, public relations, transportation and litigation) will be borne by Red Oak. In addition to the use of the mails, proxies may be solicited by Red Oak Partners, other Participants (as defined below) and/or their employees by telephone, telegram, and personal solicitation, for which no additional compensation will be paid to those persons engaged in such solicitation.

Red Oak estimates that its total expenditures relating to the solicitation of proxies will be approximately \$40,000 (including, without limitation, costs, if any, related to advertising, printing, fees of attorneys, accountants, public relations, transportation, and litigation). Total cash expenditures to date relating to this solicitation have been approximately \$5,000.

Red Oak may seek reimbursement from the Company for its actual expenses in connection with this solicitation.

CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTICIPANTS

The "Participants" consist of the following investment entities and individuals: Red Oak Fund, Pinnacle Fund, Bear Fund, Red Oak Partners, Pinnacle Partners and David Sandberg. Red Oak Partners manages Red Oak Fund and Bear Fund. Red Oak Partners also is general partner of Pinnacle Partners, which manages Pinnacle Fund (each of Pinnacle Fund, Red Oak Fund and Bear Fund, a "Fund" and, collectively, the "Funds"). The Funds are private investment vehicles formed for the purpose of investing and trading in a wide variety of securities and financial instruments. The Funds directly own the shares reported in this proxy statement.

The principal office or business address of Red Oak Fund, Red Oak Partners and David Sandberg is 654 Broadway, Suite 5, New York, NY 10012. The principal office or business address of Pinnacle Partners and Pinnacle Fund is 32065 Castle Court, Suite 100, Evergreen, CO 80439. The principal office or business address of Bear Fund is 112 E. Pecan Street, Suite 806, San Antonio TX 78205.

Appendix A lists certain information regarding ownership of the Common Stock by the Participants and transactions in the Common Stock made by the Participants during the past two years. Red Oak beneficially owns 2,285,796 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 7.3% of the outstanding shares. Red Oak may change its ownership of the Company or alter its investment strategy at any time.

No Participant has during the last ten years been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors). Except as set forth herein, no Participant is now, or within the past year has been, a party to any contract, arrangement or understanding with any person with respect to any securities of the Company (including, but not limited to, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees against loss or guarantees of profit, division of losses or profits, or the giving or withholding of proxies).

There are no material proceedings to which any Participant or any associate of any Participant is a party adverse to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or has a material interest adverse to the Company or any of its subsidiaries. Except as described herein, no Participant and no associate of any Participant has any interest in the matters to be voted upon at the Special Meeting, other than an interest, if any, as a stockholder of the Company.

Except as described herein or in Appendix A, neither any Participant nor any associate of any Participant (1) has engaged in or has a direct or indirect interest in any transaction or series of transactions since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or in any currently proposed transaction, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party where the amount involved was in excess of \$120,000; (2) has been indebted to the Company or any of its subsidiaries; (3) has borrowed any funds for the purpose of acquiring or holding any securities of the Company, or is presently, or has been within the past year, a party to any contract, arrangement or understanding with any person with respect to either any securities of the Company, any future employment by the Company or its affiliates, or any future transaction to which the Company or any of its affiliates will or may be a party; or (4) is the beneficial or record owner of any securities of the Company or any parent or subsidiary thereof.

Red Oak has not paid any additional compensation to Mr. Sandberg as a result of this proxy solicitation for the Special Meeting. The partnerships managed by Red Oak Partners, LLC will generally reimburse, or indemnify Mr. Sandberg for any expenses, and/or liabilities, he may incur in connection with the Special Meeting. There are no other arrangements or understandings with Mr. Sandberg other than as set forth herein.

OTHER MATTERS

The Company's proxy statement contains information regarding (1) the security ownership of management and beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Common Stock; (2) the Company's Board of Directors; (3) the meetings of the Company's Board of Directors and all committees thereof concerning the Go-private Proposals. Red Oak has no knowledge of, or responsibility for, the accuracy of the Company's disclosures in its proxy materials.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT-PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact Red Oak, at the following address and telephone number:

654 Broadway, Suite 5, New York, NY 10012

212 614 8952

Dsandberg@redoakpartners.com

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU RETURN YOUR PROXY PROMPTLY. PLEASE SIGN AND DATE YOUR COMPANY PROXY CARD AFTER INDICATING A VOTE AGAINST PROPOSALS 1, 2, AND 3 PROMPTLY AND RETURN TO THE COMPANY SECRETARY.

Sincerely,

/s/

David Sandberg
Red Oak Partners

May ____, 2009

Appendix A
Additional Information Regarding Red Oak

Transactions In Stock of the Company

The following transactions are the only transactions during the past two years with regard to the Common Stock made by Red Oak.

PURCHASER	TRADE DATE	QUANTITY
Pinnacle Fund	10/28/2008	32300
Red Oak Fund	10/29/2008	19291
Red Oak Fund	10/30/2008	3044
Red Oak Fund	10/31/2008	51600
Pinnacle Fund	10/31/2008	51600
Pinnacle Fund	11/3/2008	12000
Pinnacle Fund	11/5/2008	14000
Red Oak Fund	11/5/2008	14000
Red Oak Fund	11/6/2008	8050
Pinnacle Fund	11/6/2008	8050
Pinnacle Fund	11/7/2008	21900
Red Oak Fund	11/7/2008	21900
Red Oak Fund	11/10/2008	30000
Pinnacle Fund	11/10/2008	30000
Pinnacle Fund	11/11/2008	27500
Red Oak Fund	11/11/2008	27500
Red Oak Fund	11/12/2008	9049
Pinnacle Fund	11/12/2008	9051
Pinnacle Fund	11/13/2008	32493
Red Oak Fund	11/13/2008	16000
Red Oak Fund	11/14/2008	5200
Pinnacle Fund	11/17/2008	100
Pinnacle Fund	11/18/2008	38254
Red Oak Fund	11/18/2008	38256
Red Oak Fund	11/19/2008	5500
Pinnacle Fund	11/19/2008	5500
Pinnacle Fund	11/20/2008	20791
Red Oak Fund	11/20/2008	40000
Red Oak Fund	11/21/2008	10339
Pinnacle Fund	11/21/2008	10338
Pinnacle Fund	11/24/2008	800
Red Oak Fund	12/2/2008	5000
Red Oak Fund	12/3/2008	10002
Pinnacle Fund	12/3/2008	10002
Pinnacle Fund	12/4/2008	18774
Red Oak Fund	12/4/2008	18774
Red Oak Fund	12/5/2008	4950
Pinnacle Fund	12/5/2008	4950

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Pinnacle Fund	12/12/2008	12710
Red Oak Fund	12/12/2008	12710
Red Oak Fund	12/15/2008	18525
Pinnacle Fund	12/15/2008	18524
Pinnacle Fund	12/17/2008	35100
Red Oak Fund	12/17/2008	35100
Red Oak Fund	12/18/2008	7900
Pinnacle Fund	12/18/2008	7900
Pinnacle Fund	12/19/2008	15600
Red Oak Fund	12/19/2008	15600
Red Oak Fund	12/22/2008	4300
Pinnacle Fund	12/22/2008	4300
Pinnacle Fund	12/23/2008	16700
Red Oak Fund	12/23/2008	16700
Red Oak Fund	12/26/2008	25650

PURCHASER	TRADE DATE	QUANTITY
Pinnacle Fund	12/26/2008	25650
Pinnacle Fund	12/29/2008	67900
Red Oak Fund	12/29/2008	67900
Red Oak Fund	12/30/2008	31569
Pinnacle Fund	12/30/2008	31569
Pinnacle Fund	12/31/2008	7000
Red Oak Fund	12/31/2008	7000
Red Oak Fund	2/2/2009	143998
Pinnacle Fund	2/2/2009	175997
Red Oak Fund	2/3/2009	45533
Bear Fund	2/9/2009	400
Bear Fund	2/10/2009	1777
Bear Fund	2/11/2009	285300
Bear Fund	2/12/2009	23609
Bear Fund	2/19/2009	80178
Bear Fund	2/27/2009	114405
Pinnacle Fund	2/27/2009	114405
Bear Fund	3/2/2009	700
Bear Fund	3/3/2009	8450
Pinnacle Fund	3/3/2009	8450
Pinnacle Fund	3/4/2009	4600
Pinnacle Fund	3/5/2009	11850
Bear Fund	3/5/2009	11850
Pinnacle Fund	3/6/2009	12500
Red Oak Fund	3/6/2009	12500
Pinnacle Fund	3/9/2009	2300
Red Oak Fund	3/10/2009	5144
Pinnacle Fund	3/11/2009	1900
Pinnacle Fund	3/16/2009	23592
Red Oak Fund	3/16/2009	23593

In aggregate, Red Oak owns 2,285,796 shares of Common Stock of the Company acquired at an aggregate cost of approximately \$428,550.91.

The funds used by Red Oak came from available capital and from time to time by margin provided by Jefferies & Company on such firm's usual terms and conditions.

Red Oak is not required to file reports under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to the Common Stock.