

Press Release

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T-Systems embraces tele-housing concept in South Africa through an additional node in Teraco's Cape Town data centre

The introduction of a seventh carrier to Teraco's vendor neutral data centre ensures companies of ever-greater flexibility and freedom of choice in how they connect.

T-Systems in South Africa has set up a new Point of Presence (POP) for its Multi-protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network in the "meet me" room at Teraco Data Environments' vendor neutral data centre in Cape Town. This will allow Teraco customers in Cape Town and surrounds to connect directly into T-Systems' domestic and global MPLS networks, and get access to T-Systems' managed network services, giving them even greater business flexibility in their connectivity options.

T-Systems in South Africa is part of the T-Systems Group, the corporate customer arm of Deutsche Telekom. An information and communication technology (ICT) outsourcing company, its strength lies in providing clients with an end-to-end IT and telecoms solution for all their needs, from corporate voice and data networks to full-spectrum IT solutions and business process outsourcing. T-Systems' global network consists of a highly redundant MPLS backbone (with fully redundant paths from South Africa to/from Europe and Asia), carrying in excess of 170 petabytes of IP traffic per month between more than 2 000 access points in over 50 countries. The presence of multiple node of this network in South Africa, gives local companies cost-effective, high speed access to the global marketplace and excellent performance for their converged networks.

“Placing a T-Systems network node in a carrier-neutral environment is beneficial to us in that it allows us to provide our global services and access to local telecommunications companies and corporates,” explains Dr Andrew Hutchison, head of the telecommunication services division of T-Systems in South Africa. “With the lack of such a neutral environment in South Africa until now, we have deployed network node equipment in our own data centres. This creates the requirement that interconnect access lines are required for other providers to obtain services. Having multiple providers in Teraco’s vendor neutral data centre environment gives us a permanent home for our equipment that is readily available to our customers. Teraco’s infrastructure is built to the highest international specifications, which ensures T-Systems can honour the uptime guarantees we make when it comes to service levels.”

Teraco is not an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and does not compete with network operators on bandwidth costs and speeds. Instead, Teraco focuses on offering its data centre service. Its vendor neutral model allows companies to connect to any service provider and any carrier of their choice. “The international trend for data centres is towards neutrality,” says Lex van Wyk, managing director of Teraco. “Teraco’s vendor neutral model makes interconnection to a flexible choice of local and international carriers easier for SA companies. Our adherences to the highest global standards for the operation of data centres enable companies to benefit from a strong service focus and high uptime. We look forward to continue adding more carriers to Teraco’s facilities as it is increasingly recognised as an opportunity for them to reach new customers who have more choice.”

About Teraco Data Environments

Founded in 2007, Teraco is South Africa's first provider of vendor neutral data centres, with an absolute focus on building and operating its facilities in Johannesburg and Cape Town to global best practice. Unrestricted choice of network and service provider allows customers to manage traffic to get better value or performance, and creates an open market for partnerships between customers, networks and service providers. Teraco data centres give customers a technically superior, physically more secure and lower cost environment for their information systems. Strictly enforced access control, uncompromised security, guaranteed power, advanced fire protection, efficient cooling and N+1 redundancy throughout ensures hardware availability. As business needs change, resources can be rapidly and flexibly scaled. Leading international investors and Treacle Private Equity, a black owned South African private equity group, back Teraco. The company is a Level 4 contributor (DTI Codes).

For more information please visit www.teraco.co.za.

About T-Systems

Drawing on a global infrastructure of data centers and networks, T-Systems operates information and communication technology (ICT) systems for multinational corporations and public sector institutions. On this basis, Deutsche Telekom's corporate customers arm provides integrated solutions for the networked future of business and society. Some 46,000 employees at T-Systems combine industry expertise and ICT innovations to add significant value to customers' core business all over the world. The corporate customers arm generated revenue of around EUR 9.3 billion in the 2008 financial year.

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