Alcatel-Lucent joins with Cafés Malongo, the University of Nice and ComCEL to offer broadband Internet access to the isolated rural areas of Cap Rouge in Haiti

Alcatel-Lucent (Euronext Paris and NYSE: ALU) today announces that it has signed a two-year cooperation agreement with Cafs Malongo, the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis and Haiti's mobile telephone operator ComCEL to offer broadband Internet access to the isolated rural areas of Cap Rouge in Haiti.

This pilot project called "Traabilit du Caf" (Coffee Traceability) will give 's coffee cooperatives Internet access from their plantations by applying WiMAX and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technologies. By having such access to the latest information technologies, they will be able to monitor the traceability of their fair trade labeled production and sell their coffee on optimum terms by reducing the number of intermediaries. Training in information technology for the staff and members of s cooperatives is also being planned. This project again demonstrates Alcatel-Lucent's commitment to narrowing the digital divide and combining economic development with social responsibility.

The project's main goals are to:

- help 's farming communities so that they can manage coffee production to meet demand and improve production techniques through appropriate remote learning in order to ensure that the cooperatives are more profitable,

- help to develop expertise in two advanced technologies (universal WiMAX for broadband Internet and RFID labels for traceability) to support the development of agricultural telecenters in ,

- pioneer a range of innovative services in agricultural telecenters to serve education, health, e-government and ecotourism.

The four partners have mutually supportive roles to ensure that this unprecedented cooperative venture in succeeds:

- Alcatel-Lucent has undertaken to supply the telecommunication equipment free of charge (a WiMAX station and the associated terminals), and will help to set up and run the project,

- Cafs Malongo, operating in , is providing the financing and designing the software for the coffee traceability system, while maintaining its medium-term presence in the country in order to help finalize the Project's applications,

- the University of Nice, which has had a presence in Haiti since 1998 when it created the MBDS (Interactive Multimedia, Database and Systems Integration) masters qualification and has initiated the project, is committed to providing project management, developing the necessary software applications and finding local partners to ensure that Haiti's agricultural cooperatives and an NGO get involved in the project,

- ComCEL has undertaken to bear all the connection costs for two years for the three planned sites, from the time when the connection is first set up, and to operate the WiMAX station supplied by Alcatel-Lucent.

Thierry Albrand, director of Alcatel-Lucent's "DigitalBridge" initiative says: "We are particularly happy, through our partnership with Cafs Malongo, theUniversityofNiceand ComCEL, to play an active part in this project in . This action fits perfectly into Alcatel-Lucent's commitment to narrow the digital divide in regions that receive little or no service, since it will provide broadband Internet access to the isolated rural areas of Cap Rouge in , thereby promoting the economic and social development of the communities involved".

About the partners:

Cafs Malongo, which has been operating in for more than six years, is working closely with 40 cooperatives accounting for more than 10,000 farmers. Its aim is to set up training in the cooperatives and in schools, via WiMAX, so that small producers can gain access to training, information and communication.

The University of Nice Sofia Antipolis and the University of the State of Port au Prince have created a Masters qualification in new technologies, "Multimedia, Database and Systems". As a result, two Haitian students and a French student have produced the traceability software that forms the basis of the project. For more information, visit www.mbds-fr.org

ComCEL, 's largest mobile telephone network, dubbed the "People's Company", wants to help improve the quality of life of 's people and will manage and maintain the WiMAX networks.

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