Alcatel powers e-government network in the Guangxi province of China

Alcatel (Paris: CGEP.PA and NYSE: ALA) today announced that the government of Chinas Guangxi Autonomous Region has selected Alcatel to provide its e-government network solution for the province. This governments initiative will enable the deployment of a highly-available network offering real-time updated information such as policies and regulations, automated analysis of financial and economic data, intelligent processing for the regional affairs and decision-making support for the government. Under the contract agreement, Alcatel will supply the Alcatel OmniSwitch 8800 and the Alcatel OmniSwitch 7800 data infrastructure series of switches to deploy the e-government network for Chinas Guangxi Province. Alcatels solutions will enable rapid and convenient internal communication at all governments levels and link with external websites in the fields of education, science and technology. With its modular chassis design, the Alcatel OmniSwitch family allows customers to plan for future technologies and support eventual upgrades to 10 Gigabit Ethernet. Alcatel prides itself in offering the best value in high-availability, security, and easy to manage enterprise data networking. Our data infrastructure solutions create information superhighways for government organizations, helping them provide all types of web-based services to citizens. Were honored to be providing these best-in-class solutions to the Guangxi government, said Alcatel China Chairman and CEO Dominique de Boisseson.Alcatel is a global leader in e-government solutions. In China, Alcatel has partnered with many government entities, including the city governments of Beijing and Shenzhen, as well as the Tianjin Customs Office, in creating leading-edge e-government platforms.About Alcatel Alcatel provides end-to-end communications solutions, enabling carriers, service providers and enterprises to deliver contents to any type of user, anywhere in the world. Leveraging its long-term leadership in telecommunications networks equipment as well as its expertise in applications and network services, Alcatel enables its customers to focus on optimizing their service offerings and revenue streams. With sales of EURO 16.5 billion in 2002, Alcatel operates in more than 130 countries. For more information, visit Alcatel on the Internet: http://www.alcatel.comAlcatel has been established in China since the early 80s, with a full portfolio of telecom equipment activities. In 2000, Alcatel made history as the first multinational to set up its Asia Pacific headquarters in Shanghai. In 2001, Alcatel and Chinas Ministry of Information Industry (MII) signed an agreement to create the first foreign-invested Company Limited by Shares in the countrys telecom sector, Alcatel Shanghai Bell, integrating Alcatels key operations in China with Shanghai Bell. Alcatel Shanghai Bell was officially launched in May 2002 and is the leading Chinese telecom technology vendor. For more information, visit Alcatel on the Internet: http://www.alcatel.com

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