

Atos origin takes Baton to become worldwide IT partner of Olympic Games

Leading international IT services company to showcase global strength throughout next three legs of world's largest sporting event

Atos Origin, a leading international information technology services company, today announced that it is the new Worldwide Information Technology (IT) Partner for the next three Olympic Games. The company assumes this role following the completion of its acquisition of SchlumbergerSema, which concluded on January 29, 2004.

"Through the acquisition, Atos Origin has created an international IT services company, and the Olympic Games represents the ideal environment to demonstrate our abilities to the world," said Jean Chevallier, executive vice president, Olympics, Atos Origin, formally vice president of SchlumbergerSema. "From the upcoming technical rehearsals in Athens to the closing ceremonies in Beijing, we will continue to make the IT services in each Games better than the last and exhibit the extraordinary results that our clients expect and demand."

The agreement with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) covers the next three Olympic Games: Athens, Greece in 2004, Torino, Italy in 2006 and Beijing, China in 2008. Atos Origin assumes primary responsibility for information technology at the Olympic Games including consulting, systems integration, operations management, information security and software applications development.

Atos Origin's core competency and focus is exclusive to business consulting, systems integration and managed operations. Through the partnership with the IOC, Atos Origin will illustrate its global expertise and leadership capabilities as one of the leading international IT systems integrators.

"We are pleased to be partnering with a worldwide systems integrator of Atos Origin's stature to power the Games in Athens, Torino and Beijing," said Phillippe Verveer, technology director for the International Olympic Committee. "With its core focus on systems integration design and operations management, Atos Origin is ideally suited to take over one of the most crucial responsibilities behind the Olympic Games. They are equally qualified to execute the knowledge transfer strategy of making each Games more efficient, yet state of the art."

"Atos Origin is extremely proud to have assumed the role of Worldwide IT Partner for the Olympic Games," said Bernard Bourigeaud, chief executive officer, Atos Origin. "This is one of the flagship contracts for the new company and we are committed to continue delivering the same high levels of professionalism, expertise and service as SchlumbergerSema - in fact, it is the same team that continues to manage the project under Atos Origin."

A Race to the Finish in Athens For the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games, Atos Origin is now the lead systems integrator managing a consortium of technology expert partners and suppliers. When the Games go live in Athens this summer, a team of almost 2000 IT professionals and volunteers will manage all IT systems and services in the Technology Operations Centre (TOC) or "nerve centre" for the Games, primary and secondary data centres, and 60 competition and non-competition venues.

To date, all the core IT components of the Games have already been delivered to the ATHENS 2004 Organising Committee for the Olympic Games. They include the result information diffusion systems as well as the Games management systems including accommodation, transportation and accreditation.

In the next four months, Atos Origin will focus its energy on live technical rehearsals, which will conclude in mid June 2004. During these events, Atos Origin will push the network to its limits and benchmark the systems' performance. Atos Origin will also rehearse the level of achievement of its people, processes and procedures. Ultimately, the extensive testing and preparation is undertaken to ensure that Atos Origin meets its unmoveable deadline of August 13, 2004, when the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games begin.

Two More Legs to Go

Onsite teams for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games and 2008 Olympic Games have already begun preparations under the direction of Atos Origin's Major Events division located in Barcelona, Spain, which was part of the acquisition. Best practices regarding Games software, work flow patterns and systems designs from past events are being reviewed and integrated into plans for future Games to guarantee success in Turin and Beijing. Going forward, Atos Origin will continue to utilise and build upon the network design and applications expertise in Barcelona, and leverage its established full service, full lifecycle, 'design, build and operate' approach.

About Atos Origin

Atos Origin is an international information technology (IT) services company. Its business is turning client vision into results through the application of consulting, systems integration and managed operations. The company's annual revenues are more than EUR 5 billion and it employs 47,000 people in 50 countries. Atos Origin is the Worldwide Information Technology Partner for the ATHENS 2004, TORINO 2006, and BEIJING 2008 Olympic Games. For more information, please visit the company's web site at

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