

International Press Release

TIC realizes China VPN for the Spanish Government

Zurich/Switzerland & Shanghai/China, 20th March, 2006 – TIC The Internet Company Ltd. realizes a VPN network for the Spanish embassy in China on behalf of Telefónica. TIC is known as an experienced China specialist and is implementing ICT projects (Information and Communication Technologies) for European companies in China.

The Virtual Private Network (VPN) covers four locations within the Spanish embassy in Beijing and another location in Shanghai. In addition, data connection to Spain is being provided. The entire project is carried out on behalf of the Spanish telecommunication company Telefónica and the Dutch Expereo b.v., which has a partner agreement with TIC The Internet Company Ltd.

«Telefónica and the Spanish embassy benefit from our China know how» explains Franz Grüter, Chairman & CEO of TIC The Internet Company Ltd. Entering the Chinese market is highly difficult and not only the language but also the differences in culture are a great challenge to any European company. But for TIC The Internet Company Ltd. with Chinese staff and branches in Shanghai and Beijing, none of those difficulties are a problem.

«For Telefónica, the Spanish government and Expereo b.v. TIC's competence in the Chinese market and its reliable service played a key role when awarding the contract» confirms Franz Grüter, Chairman & CEO of TIC The Internet Company Ltd. «The whole project was realized within eight weeks only! Only with proved China knowledge, many years of experience and on site management such a project can be realized in such a short time» continues Franz Grüter.



China's economy is growing rapidly. The economic growth rate in 2004 was 16.8 % - the prospects for 2005 and following years are as high. The Chinese market is a huge chance for TIC The Internet Company Ltd. and TIC's turnover is already much higher than expected. Customer demands for services in China are huge and range from VPNs, Server-Housing, ADSL, Managed Services to Voice-Interconnections. Swiss and European companies benefit from direct net connection in China and from local presence in China. TIC The Internet Company Ltd. will even take charge of the Chinese translation of homepages.

About TIC The Internet Company Ltd. (former VIA NET.WORKS Switzerland Ltd.)

TIC The Internet Company Ltd. is an internationally targeted full service Internet-Provider for professional LAN and WAN solutions designed for the high demands of its customers. The independent Gigabit IP Network (AS1836) with multiple redundant interworking and sophisticated datacenters fulfill highest standards for national and international customers in IP-VPNs, MPLS, WiMAX, Mobile Office, Mobile Mail, Hosted Exchange, VoIP Internet Telephony and Internet Access.

The pan European business operating area covers Switzerland and includes many partnerships in Europe, North-America and China.

Innovative IT solutions, reaching from infrastructure companies with managed solutions to entire outsourcing services, reduce the costs, staying at all times secure and productive. The Managed Security portfolio and the 7x24 Customer Care services add to the up-to-date range of services of TIC.

TIC The Internet Company Ltd. is a privately owned company of Solution24 Ltd., Switzerland, emerged from VIA NET.WORKS Switzerland and TIC.

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