

Asia Netcom Provides Gateway for Yipes' Expansion Into Asia

US-based managed Ethernet solutions provider, Yipes Enterprise Services, Inc., selects Asia Netcom's trans-Pacific connectivity and Co-location services for new Hong Kong PoP

HONG KONG, July 27, 2005 - Asia Netcom, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chinese incumbent telecommunications service provider, China Netcom (NYSE:CN, SEHK:0906), has been selected by Yipes Enterprises Services, Inc., as the supplier of connectivity solutions between US and Asia, as well as Co-location services in Hong Kong.

Under the new deal, Yipes will subscribe to International Private Line and IP Transit services from Asia Netcom, and co-locate its new Hong Kong PoP (Point-of-Presence) inside Asia Netcom's telehouse in Chai Wan. Yipes said the new POP reflects its commitment to growing its world-class Global Area Network (GAN) infrastructure in support of enterprises migrating to a global Ethernet services platform that supports critical voice, data and video.

"Asia Netcom has made strategic investments in the US and Europe to facilitate corporations and carriers in those markets to connect into Asia," said Bill Barney, Asia Netcom's President and Chief Operating Officer. "By selecting Asia Netcom, Yipes now gets access to our state-of-the-art Asian infrastructure and the ability to tap the potential of the world's fastest growing region."

"Our new Hong Kong POP brings Yipes services into one of the largest and fastest-growing business environments in the world. Hong Kong also includes high concentrations of financial and legal service organizations – verticals that have realized significant value from Yipes' simple, scalable Ethernet connectivity," said John Scanlon, Yipes Chief Executive Officer. "We believe our expansion into Hong Kong is an important step in our continued international growth. It also represents a clear signal to the market that we are committed to aggressively building on our established global network to meet the growing demand for global Ethernet solutions."

About Asia Netcom

Asia Netcom is a wholly owned subsidiary of China Netcom (NYSE:CN, SEHK: 0906), an incumbent telecommunications service provider in China. Asia Netcom operates an extensive telecommunications network infrastructure in the Asia Pacific region, including a privately owned sub-sea cable system, EAC, as well as extensive terrestrial backhauls and telehouses in all key Asian markets. Leveraging these strategic assets, Asia Netcom provides a comprehensive portfolio of city-to-city connectivity, data communications and IP-based solutions and services to enterprise, ISP and carrier customers in the Asia Pacific region. The company is headquartered in Hong Kong with local offices in all major Asian markets, the US and Europe. For more information, please visit our Website at: www.asianetcom.com

About Yipes

Winner of the Metro Ethernet Forum 2005 Service Provider of the Year Award for Outstanding Innovation, Yipes Enterprise Services, Inc. is the leading global provider of managed, end-to-end Ethernet solutions for enterprise customers. Yipes offers a uniquely scalable suite of networking services that combine the speed, simplicity and cost effectiveness of native Ethernet with Yipes proprietary bandwidth-on-demand functionality. Yipes provides services in and between major metropolitan markets throughout the United States and the UK including: New York, Los Angeles, Washington DC, San Francisco, San Jose, Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, Houston, Seattle, Denver, San Diego, Miami, London. For more information, visit www.yipes.com.

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