

## Press release

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50 network operators will meet at the international OSS/ ICDS Forum 2011

### **ancotel group expects carriers from around the globe at the OSS/ICDS forum in April in Frankfurt**

Frankfurt/Main, 27 April 2011 +++ The ancotel group is the organiser of this year's OSS/ICDS Forum 2011, which is taking place from April 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> at the InterContinental Hotel in Frankfurt. The international OSS/ICDS Forum (One-Stop-Shopping/Inter-Carrier Data Services Forum) is an industry meeting for network operators organised in different locations twice every year. Once again, 50 carriers from Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and Australia are expected at the end of April in Frankfurt. ancotel group has been an extraordinary member of the OSS/ICDS Forums since 2010 and is hosting the event this year for the first time. ancotel operates Europe's largest and most important telecommunications and data network node and is an international service provider for carrier neutral colocation, telehousing and interconnection ([ancotel.com](http://ancotel.com)).

"In the last few years, Frankfurt has become Europe's telecommunications capital", says K.-J.Orth, Managing Director of ancotel GmbH. "The subject of 'Frankfurt as a digital hub' is not only of interest to local companies in the information technology and telecommunications sector but also to the public at large. Frankfurt is no longer only a city for banks and bankers, it has a lot more to offer", says Orth. "This is why I am particularly pleased that we were able to now bring this important industry forum to Frankfurt."

The OSS/ICDS Forum has been in existence as an independent non-profit organisation since 1989. The Forum now has 73 members from around the world. Although European carriers are strongly represented, there are also members from Asia, North America, Australia and Africa. OSS/ICDS Forum is committed to the standardisation, development and improvement of IPLC OSS; accordingly, participants are mainly carriers that have their own network and offer international private leased circuit (IPLC) services. The Forum is managed by its own members. The half-year meetings are organised respectively by a member in its home country.

At the meetings, IPLC OSS-related topics are discussed in work groups, talks are held and standardisation processes are designed actively. Time is also reserved for topics of general interest and bilateral meetings.

Before the IPLC OSS was adopted, connecting two locations per IPLC was very complicated. Everything had to be done twice: carry out individual orders for each location and, after a certain waiting period, send separate clearing notifications as well as issue and pay two invoices. The OSS concept was developed to provide IPLC more efficiently and especially more conveniently. OSS is a very time and cost efficient solution that enables network operators to conduct their IPLC business through one single point of contact. Currently, the forum is concerned with topics surrounding the development of OSS concepts and related processes for data connections based on carrier Ethernet and MPLS.

#### **About ancotel**

ancotel group, headquartered at Kleyer 90.® in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, operates Europe's largest and most important telecommunications and data network node. This gives international carriers and providers a centralised high-performance marketplace for their broadband and communications services. An independent company, ancotel is the leading provider of services related to carrier neutral colocation, telehousing and interconnection. Founded in 1999, more than 400 carriers are currently joined under ancotel's umbrella. ancotel's physical and virtual meetme rooms (mmr) connect telephone and internet providers with each other, and enable them to service their customers. In addition to classic physical cross-connections via fibreglass, coaxial and twisted pair copper cable, ancotel is increasingly focusing on virtual mmr platforms and managed services. Besides its headquarters in Frankfurt am Main, ancotel group has locations in London, Hong Kong and New York.

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