

Pressemitteilung

“Vmmr Ethernet services” – new addition to ancotel product portfolio

ancotel now offers virtual interconnections for carrier and service provider Ethernet networks

Frankfurt/Main, 17 June 2011 +++ Frankfurt-based ancotel GmbH, which operates one of the largest and most important data and telecommunications nodes in Europe (www.ancotel.com), launched its new “Vmmr Ethernet services” today. As a result and with immediate effect, ancotel offers virtual interconnections for Ethernet networks. The new Vmmr Ethernet services complement the very successful Vmmr (Virtual meetme room) concept, introduced in 2004 at ancotel; ancotel supplies virtual interconnections with a comprehensive range of services from one source. With its new Vmmr Ethernet services, ancotel can now deliver unilateral, bilateral or multilateral Ethernet-based connections between carriers or service providers. Vmmr Ethernet services has been designed as an infrastructure and service bundle – ancotel provides the necessary infrastructure and covers all other necessary services. One single line to the ancotel Virtual meetme room suffices to establish a connection to all other customers in the Vmmr. There are already 200 international carriers and services providers using ancotel’s Vmmr SDH services, available since 2004, to conduct their businesses. ancotel is expecting a similarly positive response to the virtual interconnection of Ethernet networks.

Ethernet-based networks are particularly attractive because they support all types of applications. VoIP, Data, Internet, Video/IPTV, HFT and other software applications can be run together via a network infrastructure. The respective quality of service is ensured by the classification of the applications. In the past few years, there has been a strong drive worldwide to advance Carrier Ethernet standardisation. In order to determine which of the current standards (ITU, IETF, MEF, IEEE) developed by different associations are required and should be implemented for the operation of a virtual Ethernet platform, ancotel first conducted an extensive control program. The result: the new Vmmr Ethernet services at ancotel not only ensure uniform provision of Ethernet services but also their connection on a regional, national and global level. This is a big step forward. These kinds of interconnections between individual carriers and service providers had previously been very costly because the parties involved were responsible for set up and maintenance.

With Vmmr Ethernet services, ancotel offers a centralised, carrier-neutral solution that addresses the needs of both carriers and service providers and reliably connects packet-switching networks with each other. The virtual solution makes it possible for ancotel customers to connect their Ethernet networks to each other without any need to make investments, deploy personnel or rent additional space. Expanding network reach via these kinds of network to network interconnection interfaces (NNI) and the resulting

access to markets that would otherwise only be possible at high cost represent a considerable competitive advantage for carriers and service providers.

According to Patric Groß, Technology Director at ancotel GmbH, the systems ancotel uses, which are manufactured by Juniper Networks, are optimal for meeting customer needs with respect to performance, reliability, system stability, flexibility and scalability. "It is extremely important to us to be future-oriented with our products and create market advantages for our customers by consistently passing cost and time efficiencies on to them", says Patric Groß. "Since we have been using virtual interconnections very successfully in our company for the past seven years, our customers can be sure we have the necessary know how and a great deal of experience – both with the underlying technologies as well as with implementation."

About ancotel

ancotel group, headquartered at Kleyer 90.0 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.

ancotel's more than 400 satisfied customers include: 1&1, A1 Telekom Austria, Arcor, AT&T, BSO Network Solutions, BT, Cable & Wireless, China Telecom, Colt Technology Services GmbH, DE-CIX, Elion, France Telecom, Global Crossing, GTS Energis, iBasis, HanseNet, Interoute Germany, Kabel Deutschland, KDDI Corporation, KPN, KT Corporation Korea, LANCK Telecom, Linx Telecommunications, NTT Communications, Plusnet GmbH, RETN, Swisscom, Tata Communications, Telekom Deutschland GmbH, Telecom Italia, Telefonica O2, TeliaSonera, TEO Litauen, Türk Telekomunikasyon, Verizon and WiTCOM.

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