

Press Release:

INFO AG on course for growth: QSC acquires majority share of INFO AG

Hamburg, May 3rd, 2011 – INFO AG is setting forth its course for growth through a strong partner in the ITC field. Subject to approval by the German federal cartel authority, a full-scale provider of ITC services will arise with the takeover of a majority share of INFO AG by QSC AG.

Based in Hamburg, INFO AG is one of the leading IT service providers for mid-sized enterprises in Germany. Through its business units IT Outsourcing – which includes the operation of highly available data centers – and IT Consulting, INFO AG offers its customers a full-service portfolio. Specializations in SAP and Microsoft services build the foundation for this performance spectrum.

QSC AG is a service provider of speech communication, data communication and ITC services. By establishing one of the first Next Generation Networks QSC AG has already accumulated years of extensive experience in the field of IP-based telephony services. The alignment toward becoming a full-scale service provider on the ITC market is going to be distinctly underlined through the takeover of a majority share of INFO AG.

The service portfolios at the two companies complement each other nearly completely. INFO AG focuses on IT outsourcing and IT consulting services. Until now it has bracketed network components out of the performance portfolio in the framework of services offered. This competence is now ensured within the corporate affiliation.

Both company's customers can only profit from this conclusive enhancement of the firms' offers. What will emerge hereby is one of the leading companies in Germany in a position to concentrate its efforts on providing ITC services to the upper "Mittelstand", a key entrepreneurial element of the German economy.

INFO AG has successfully managed to further solidify its course for what has been good organic growth to date by joining forces with a financially strong partner. Particularly in light of the clear-cut guidelines set down by Ernst Müller, its founder and majority shareholder. After almost 29 years in an active capacity during the successful build-up of one of the leading IT outsourcing companies in Germany, Müller intends to resign from his position as Chairman of the Board at INFO AG upon transferral of his share package to QSC AG.

With staffs of 600 and 700 apiece at different locations in Germany, both ventures have comparable sizes and very similar corporate cultures, important factors in ensuring mutual interaction from the very start.

About QSC:

QSC – ITC solutions for mid-sized companies

QSC AG is a service provider of speech communication, data communication and ITC services which build upon the two. Its headquarters are in Cologne, Germany. Founded in 1997, the company has focused on business customers in the medium-sized range. QSC is the first operator of an open access platform and combines the widest variety of broadband technologies here. The platform is used as a basis to offer national and international locational networking, including managed services. Besides these, QSC makes a comprehensive product portfolio available to its customers and sales partners that can be adapted in a modular form to suit any need. QSC was the first provider in Germany to establish its own Next Generation Network (NGN). The company has gained years of experience as a result, particularly in IP-based telephony solutions. QSC employs a staff of roughly 700 and has been listed on the TecDAX since 2004.

About INFO AG:

Founded:..... 1982 (listed on the stock exchange since 1987)

Field of business:..... IT services

Staff: more than 600

Locations: Hamburg (headquarters), Oberhausen

INFO AG is a full-scale service provider that numbers among the leading providers of IT outsourcing and IT consulting in Germany. The portfolio at INFO AG encompasses the planning, implementation and operation of sophisticated IT solutions. From advisory consulting to setting up the IT infrastructure and on to the process steering of entire value-creation chains, INFO AG offers a holistic service approach. INFO AG is an SAP Gold Partner and a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, and currently operates three data centers in Germany (at two locations in Hamburg, one in Oberhausen). The dependability of the performance commitment on the part of INFO AG and the faith of its clientele form the basis for the company's success: INFO AG generates more than two thirds of its turnover from long-term contracts. The list of customers at INFO AG includes Reemtsma (ITG), SIGNAL IDUNA, Hitachi Power Europe and the SPIEGEL-Verlag publishing group.

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