



WORKONLINE COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERS WITH FRANCE-IX TO PROVIDE QUALITY FRENCH CONTENT ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

Paris, 14 May 2020 - As part of its commitment to offering high quality services to its African customers, <u>Workonline Communications</u>, leading provider of wholesale IP transit and connectivity services is extending its reach to <u>France-IX</u>, one of Europe's leading Internet Exchanges (IXs).

With its community of several hundreds of carriers, ISPs, content delivery networks and Internet professionals, France-IX offers high quality access to both English and French content through its Paris and Marseille exchange points. Workonline Communications will leverage the exchange's strategic positioning to further interconnect Africa and the Middle East to Europe and the US.

The connection to France-IX will be housed at Interxion's MRS1 datacentre in Marseille. "We are pleased to observe an additional valuable interconnection between our customers in our Interxion Marseille campus. Workonline Communications and France-IX interconnection allows African carriers to get French and English content from Marseille with the best user experience and in a cost-effective way. It confirms the critical role of the city as the main content hub and digital gateway between Europe, Middle East, Asia and especially Africa" says **Fabrice Coquio, Interxion France Managing Director**.

Benjamin Deveaux, Head of Business Development for Workonline Communications explains, "Workonline's portfolio of carrier-focused services enables our clients to extend their reach to new markets and enhance their existing services. As demand for quality Internet increases during the COVID-19 crisis, we are proud to be able to add France-IX to the growing list of IXs to which Workonline is connected and can offer remote peering services. The fact that content from this IX is provided in English and French is also an advantage to the Francophone countries we serve, which currently include Madagascar and Mauritius."

Gilles Pecqueron, Operational Marketing Manager at France-IX said: "This agreement with Workonline assists us in strengthening our position as the leading digital gateway to Africa and the Middle-East. Africa is a rapidly developing market and we're delighted to be part of the exponential growth of Workonline in this region."

About Workonline Communications

Workonline (AS 37271) is the fastest growing IP transit network in Africa and one of the largest in Africa. The company is focused on providing highly scalable, high quality, and flexible service options to meet the needs of carriers, Internet service providers, content providers, and mobile operators. Founded in



2006, the company has established itself an innovative pan-African service provider of wholesale connectivity services, whose customers include some of the world's content development networks and telecommunications companies. www.workonline.co.za | Twitter @wolcomm

About France-IX

France-IX is the Premier Internet Peering Service Provider in France, offering public and private interconnection services through its carrier and data centre neutral exchange points in Paris and Marseille. France-IX interconnects several hundreds of telecommunications carriers, ISPs, content providers, content delivery networks and all other Internet networks worldwide with significant traffic in the Internet French market. This enhances the affordability and latency of the Internet traffic exchanged between its members and thus improves the overall quality of the Internet in France.

Founded in June 2010 with the support of the French Internet community, France-IX is a member-based association whose core values are neutrality, sustainability and constant improvement of the Internet. For more information go to France-IX website www.franceix.net

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