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AUSENCO AND DIMENSION DATA COLLABORATE ON DISASTER RECOVERY SOLUTION

Whole-of-data centre solution provides global engineering, project management and operations solutions group with complete architecture for storage, back-up, virtualisation and archiving.

Sydney, Australia - June 22, 2009 – Dimension Data announced today that the company is in the final stages of implementation and testing a disaster recovery ('DR') project with global engineering, project management and operations services group Ausenco Limited.

The project covers the design, supply and implementation of a leading edge DR solution, including storage, backup, virtualisation, archiving and data de-duplication technologies. Specifically, this encompasses the integration of technology including EMC CLARiiON storage, Cisco MDS switches, EMC Avamar data deduplication and VMware Virtual Infrastructure, running on a Sun X4600 server platform. Dimension Data also ratified the network design developed in-house by Ausenco, utilising Cisco Nexus 5000 and 2000 series next-generation switching.

The solution positions Ausenco to further develop "private cloud"-based (network-based) services to reduce hosting costs through increased asset utilisation - such as switch or server utilisation - from virtualisation and better data management, and increased service level agreements for critical business applications through disaster recovery.

Dimension Data was awarded the contract based on its solution-focused approach, and worked closely with Ausenco personnel to develop a detailed understanding of the business and technical requirements driving its disaster recovery strategy. Once the requirements were understood, Dimension Data developed a cost-effective day-one solution, which worked within Ausenco's budgetary requirements, with a strategy roadmap for future expansion and refinement.

The solution was able to work within the major constraints of costs, data centre locations internationally, network, and applications to deliver an integrated solution in a timely low-risk manner.

Commenting on the benefits of the solution, Ausenco CIO Paul Young said: "Dimension Data provided a compelling leading-edge DR solution, which was carefully designed to accommodate Ausenco's strategic plans for growth.

"Dimension Data also performed a significant amount of legwork in the solution's design to provide a next-generation DR environment. This included recommending the purchase of SUN X4600 servers, to fit into the reduced VMware licensing requirements of the solution, resulting in significant cost savings."

"Ultimately, Dimension Data met the challenge of the project, which was to maintain the backup and archiving efficiencies of our DR environment, within our IT budget," Mr Young added.

Commenting on the contract, Dimension Data's General Manager for Data Centre Solutions, Ronnie Altit said: "Dimension Data is proud to have the opportunity to collaborate with Ausenco on this project. This is a great example of Dimension Data's solution-led approach to developing data management strategies for our clients, working closely to understand their requirements."

"The solution protects Ausenco's valuable intellectual property through archiving, backup and replication offsite to secure the niche processes and management approach that have made Ausenco the successful organisation it is today."

"Dimension Data was awarded the contract because we were able to meet Ausenco's requirements for a staged approach, ensuring that their short term decisions were underpinned by their long term goals, and therefore helped them to do more with less - which was vital in the current challenging economic climate," Mr Altit said.

Dimension Data also worked closely with industry-leading vendor partners EMC, VMware and Sun on Ausenco's behalf to ensure the overall strategy was understood by all parties, thereby ensuring that a robust, integrated, scalable and cost-effective solution could be developed, one that met the Ausenco businesses' requirements.

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About Dimension Data

Dimension Data plc (LSE:DDT), a specialist IT services and solution provider, helps clients plan, build, support and manage their IT infrastructures. Dimension Data applies its expertise in networking, security, operating environments, storage and contact centre technologies and its unique skills in consulting, integration and managed services to create customised client solutions.

About Ausenco Limited

The Ausenco group provides world leading engineering, project management and operations solutions to the global resources and energy sectors. From 26 offices in 13 countries, the group combines expertise, experience and resource capabilities to deliver innovative solutions to the minerals, infrastructure, energy, oil and gas and consulting and environmental sectors across the full project lifecycle, from front end solutions, through innovative engineering and EPCM delivery to operational support.