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Verizon Business receives ENX Certification of the European Automotive Industry

The ENX Association Expands the Global Coverage of the European Automotive Industry's Communications Network.

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The ENX Association today announced that it has certified Verizon Business as a Certified Service Provider (CSP) for the ENX network. Following a two-phase certification process focusing on strict quality standards defined by the European automotive industry, Verizon *Private IP* has been certified for use by ENX users for secure data exchange. Verizon Business therefore joins a select group of service providers certified to offer communications services to ENX users.

Lennart Oly, managing director, ENX, comments: "ENX enables the European automotive industry to operate within a secure and easily accessible international communications network. The recently completed certification process has demonstrated that Verizon Business clearly meets our exemplary quality and procedural requirements. We are confident that Verizon Business will provide valuable input for key ENX initiatives on topics such as quality, innovation and cost. We believe the certification of Verizon Business to be an important milestone in making ENX a truly global network."

Introduced as the fifth certified service provider besides BT Infonet, Orange Business Services, T-Systems und Telefónica, Verizon Business will now be able to help ENX users realize the benefits of a single IP network in enhancing their business operations.

John Irvine, vice president of international marketing, Verizon Business, comments: "We are proud to have been officially certified as a service provider to the ENX association and are looking forward to working with its users in the future. In the highly competitive global automotive market, businesses need to be able to focus on their own business, knowing that the reliability, security and performance of their communications network is a given. We are confident that our global IP backbone and industry-leading portfolio of services and solutions can assist businesses in achieving their strategic communications goals, now and in the future."

The continuously growing community of ENX users –currently more than 500 automotive manufacturers and suppliers– especially benefits from this certification through the extended circle of competitors within the European core market as well as a further step to a global coverage of the network.

About ENX

ENX operates a high security communications network for the exchange of the development, production control and logistic data of the European automotive industry. ENX meets high quality and security features, like they are usually only can be found in company-owned networks. At the same time, it is as open and flexible as the public internet for the participating automotive manufacturers, suppliers and development partners.

The ENX association is the legal and organisational roof of the network. It was founded in 2000 and its board members are Audi, BMW, Bosch, DaimlerChrysler, DGA, Ford, Karmann, Porsche, PSA Peugeot Citroen, Renault, Siemens VDO Automotive, Smart GmbH, Volkswagen, ANFAC (Spain), GALIA (France), SMMT (UK) and VDA (Germany).

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About Verizon Business

Verizon Business, a unit of Verizon Communications (NYSE: VZ), is a leading provider of advanced communications and information technology (IT) solutions to large business and government customers worldwide. Combining unsurpassed global network reach with advanced technology and professional service capabilities, Verizon Business delivers innovative and seamless business solutions to customers around the world.

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