

QSC Has Won Freenet as a Further ADSL2+ Wholesale Partner

Cologne/Hamburg, August 9, 2006. QSC will become the preferred infrastructure supplier for unbundled ADSL2+ connections for freenet AG. From autumn 2006 onwards, freenet, with 830,000 DSL customers as of today, will use QSC's nationwide infrastructure to offer ADSL2+ connections with bandwidths of up to 16Mbit/s that will be available on a "naked" basis i.e. the customer has the freedom of choice to buy a DSL connection from a different provider than the one providing the existing telephone connection. The ADSL2+ technology makes it possible for example to download the latest films, documents, software, files and music with high speed.

With freenet, QSC has won a further strong wholesale partner, who will market innovative products based on QSC's nationwide infrastructure in the residential customer segment; further wholesale partners are debitel, HanseNet and TeleSon. In the wholesale business, QSC itself is focusing on the demand-driven upgrade of its DSL network with ADSL2+ technology, the provision of custom-tailored products and the execution of highly scalable operational processes.

About QSC

Cologne-based **QSC AG (QSC)** is a nationwide telecommunication provider with its own DSL network, offering businesses and premium residential customers a comprehensive portfolio of high-quality broadband communication options. QSC implements complete enterprise networks (VPNs), operates voice and data services and provides leased lines in a wide variety of bandwidths for business customers. Residential customers benefit from high-quality DSL connections, complete with VoIP applications. In addition, QSC utilizes its own network as the basis for its wholesale business and provides high-level upstream products to carriers, Internet service providers (ISPs) as well as marketing partners with strong consumer brands. Following the acquisition of a majority interest in Broadnet AG, QSC has additionally enjoyed access to a microwave network in 42 regions of Germany. QSC operates on a nearly nationwide scale, together with Broadnet AG connects over 140 German cities over its own broadband network and currently employs a workforce of some 650 people. In fiscal 2005, the company generated revenues of € 194.4 million, and following the acquisition of a majority stake in Broadnet AG is forecasting consolidated annual revenues of over € 265 million for 2006. QSC is listed on the TecDAX.

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