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Groundbreaking ceremony for expansion of the itelligence data center in Bautzen

Bielefeld, September 24, 2010 – itelligence AG is today celebrating the official groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of its data center in the Bautzen/Salzenforst industrial park. Beginning in 2011, the new two-story data center will provide around 3,100 square meters of space for more than 2,000 new server systems, 50 workplaces and office and presentation facilities for customers and employees. The company is investing around EUR 8.5 million in the new data center, including the technical infrastructure.

Stanislaw Tillich, Prime Minister of the State of Saxony said: “This investment confirms that Saxony is an attractive business location for innovative companies. Through the combination of high-performance hardware and software, as well as state-of-the-art climate control technology, the new data center is making a sustainable contribution to the protection of our environment. Moreover, I’m pleased that the company is creating new jobs for the Lausitz region and providing consulting services on complex software issues to customers from around the world through its highly motivated and specialized professionals.”

The expansion, which supplements the new building in Bautzen/Salzenforst that IT full-service provider itelligence opened in 2008, boasts extensive green IT measures. Among other measures this includes the use of heat recovery systems as well as water-cooling systems for the roughly 2,000 new server systems that will be in operation in the new building starting in 2011. The new data center will thus achieve a power usage effectiveness (PUE) of less than 1.4, making it one of the most modern in Saxony. Some 100,000 users from around the world will then be served around the clock from Bautzen.

Christian Schramm, the mayor of Bautzen, added: “itelligence is helping to make Bautzen into a modern, reputable location for SAP services. I’m pleased with the high level of satisfaction and the strategic decision regarding the state-of-the-art expansion.”

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Herbert Vogel, CEO of itelligence AG, commented: "The new programs from SAP build on the state-of-the-art data center technology that we are creating here. I'm pleased that by investing roughly EUR 8.5 million, we can demonstrate our continued growth and the importance of Bautzen as a business location."

itelligence customers use the data centers for running SAP applications and various subsystems such as EDI, e-mail and other centralized applications. The new building is the consistent expansion of the three data centers that itelligence already operates in the Bautzen region. Customers have been entrusting the specialists in Bautzen with their highly sensitive data since 1998. Back then, the team was made up of about 10 employees, the successful branch now consists of around 130 employees and the numbers keep growing.

Mirko Kruse, head of the itelligence data centers in Bautzen said: "We are planning an additional 50 jobs to provide qualified support to 100,000 users and I'm confident that we can draw the vast majority of our employees directly from the regional universities and training providers."

itelligence is one of the leading international full-service providers of solutions in support of SAP solutions, employing more than 1,650 highly qualified employees in 19 countries and in five regions (America, Asia, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Germany/Austria). As a frequently awarded SAP partner itelligence realizes complex projects in the SAP solution-based environment for over 3,000 customers worldwide. In 2006, itelligence obtained gold-level status as an SAP channel partner as part of the SAP PartnerEdge™ program in Germany, and in the U.S. in 2007. The company's services in support of SAP solutions range from consulting and licensing to outsourcing and services to proprietary industry-specific SAP. In 2009, itelligence generated total sales of EUR 220 million. In July 2010, itelligence was awarded the "TOP CONSULTANT" quality seal.