

arxes and itelligence agree IT service cooperation **IT service providers offer fully integrated IT, outsourcing and consulting services**

Cologne, Bielefeld, September 20, 2004 - arxes NCC AG, Cologne, and itelligence AG, Bielefeld, have announced a Germany-wide cooperation in the IT services sector. Both service providers expect the resulting expansion of their portfolios to result in even more successful positioning and marketing of their comprehensive outsourcing, consulting and service solutions for large and medium-sized companies.

Integrated solutions covering the full IT service spectrum

The combination of the services provided by arxes and itelligence allows medium-sized and smaller corporations to take advantage of the full range of IT outsourcing services. Moreover, the two companies offer comprehensive consulting all along the service chain, from front-end support to server hosting.

In this context, successful marketing will be enabled, on the one hand, by itelligence's expertise in applications and servers as well as their high-quality IT services, especially in the SAP environment. On the other hand, IT service provider arxes is a long-standing IT specialist in the PC and network environment and has comprehensive know-how of IT service management based on the ITIL standard (IT Infrastructure Library) which offers customers an important basis for efficient and effective IT services.

"The portfolios of the two companies ideally complement each other, which means we are excellently positioned, especially in the growth market for end-to-end IT solutions for the mid-market," says Udo Faulhaber, CEO of arxes AG. "The two companies will address this target group with joint offerings."

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Extensive cooperation

itelligence AG and arxes NCC AG intend to put their cooperation on a broad basis, so that customers in the IT full outsourcing sector will be served by a single source going forward.

Herbert Vogel, CEO of itelligence, sees the cooperation as an important step towards a further optimized service portfolio, especially in the outsourcing segment. "The cooperation agreement between arxes and itelligence has laid the foundation for a very successful collaboration. Both companies have a clear focus on the mid-market and share the same high standards with regard to the quality of their IT service offerings - to the benefit of our customers."

For more information and photos (300 dpi), e-mail arxes@flutlicht.biz and silvia.dicke@itelligence.de

About itelligence AG:

itelligence AG is a leading international full-service provider for SAP employing some 950 highly qualified employees in 15 countries and in 4 regions (America, Western Europe, Germany/Austria, Western Europe). As a mySAP Business, Service and Support Alliance as well as Hosting Partner and Global Services Partner, itelligence realizes complex projects in the SAP environment for over 1,200 customers worldwide. The company's services range from SAP consulting and licensing to outsourcing and services to proprietary industry-specific SAP solutions. In 2003, itelligence AG generated total sales of EUR 145,6 million.

arxes Network Communication Consulting AG

arxes NCC AG optimizes IT systems and processes and manages the IT operations of large and medium-sized companies from a wide spectrum of industries. arxes focuses on topics such as migration, security, storage, VPN and Managed Services (assuming operational responsibility). The aim of the IT projects implemented by arxes is to optimize the costs for the operation of local client/server network environments through standardization and consolidation. The company's IT services are characterized by a high degree of systems automation and an organization based on the principles of ITIL (IT Infrastructure Library). arxes generated sales of approx. EUR 50 million in FY 2003/2004 (June 30) and currently employs some 560 people. The arxes Group, which comprises arxes NCC AG, one subsidiary and three participations, currently employs approx. 700 people and generated sales of roughly EUR 67 million in FY 2003/2004 (June 30).

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