



**Press release** 

## EDF chooses Bull and Osiatis to deploy and run the world's biggest private cloud-based infrastructure with Microsoft technology

**Paris, 02 december 2013** – EDF is launching a project to renovate and unify all its collaborative and email solutions for the whole group. EDF SA and ERDF together have one of the biggest IT asset in France with 160,000 users.

The Bull-Osiatis consortium will be providing an end-to-end solution using modern, integrated email, file-sharing, video-conferencing and instant messaging solutions (Exchange, SharePoint and Lync). The consortium will be providing the following services:

- Engineering and implementation of a private cloud infrastructure
- Business continuity for the current solution
- Migration to Microsoft solutions
- Secure running of these unified solutions and management via a service catalogue, on a payper-use basis.

The highly secure, scalable, redundant infrastructures will be hosted at two of EDF Group's data centres. They include 68 bullion servers, 400 virtual machines and 1000 TB of storage.

This effective solution will thus be able to serve the client's 160,000 users and will be monitored and administrated remotely from Bull and Osiatis' secure service facilities. This is currently the world's biggest private cloud infrastructure project using Microsoft technologies.

The Bull-Osiatis consortium will continue to assist EDF with change management and modernising its infrastructure, with a minimum 5-year contract, and will thus provide the energy group with unified communication solutions to enable them to face the business challenges of tomorrow.

"Thanks to this major project, Osiatis and Bull will assist EDF in overhauling their collaborative and communication tools and thus transform their businesses and enable their employees to communicate more easily, share knowledge and pass on skills and expertise more effectively, whilst optimising operating costs," said Bruno Grossi, co-chairman of Osiatis.

"Bull is continuing its strategy for developing cloud computing IT solutions to help its clients update their IT systems. We are very proud to be assisting EDF in carrying out this strategic project," said Philippe Miltin, Bull's Executive Vice-President of Computing Solutions.

## About Osiatis (now Econocom-Osiatis)

Osiatis, one of France's leading digital service companies, is a recognised leader in infrastructure services (architecture consulting, tools and cloud transformation engineering, production and work environment outsourcing, critical systems and networks maintenance), and in the applications services market, as a specialist in infrastructure-related solutions (portals, collaboration, roaming, BI, etc.).

As a result of the alliance between Econocom and Osiatis Groups, their Service activities, which have a combined workforce of almost 7,000 in 11 countries, are now combined under the Econocom-Osiatis brand.

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## About Bull

Bull is a leader in secure mission-critical digital systems. The Group is dedicated to developing and implementing solutions where computing power and security serve to optimize its customers' information systems, to support their business.

Bull operates in high added-value markets including computer simulation, Cloud computing and 'computing power plants', outsourcing and security.

Currently Bull employs around 9,300 people across more than 50 countries, with nearly 1000 staff totally focused on R&D. In 2012, Bull recorded revenues of €1.3 billion.

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