

Alcatel-Lucent successfully deploys IP/MPLS solution to transform national Orange Business Services network in France

Paris, May 25, 2009 - Alcatel-Lucent (Euronext Paris and NYSE: ALU) announced today it has successfully deployed an IP/MPLS backbone transit network for Orange Business Services, France Telecom's single brand for services offered to businesses worldwide. This national deployment, which was made in 2008 and during the first quarter of 2009 expands Orange Business Services' portfolio of premium business services offered across France.

Orange Business Services is consolidating multiple network platforms to increase capacity and enhance the overall flexibility of the network. The upgraded core network strengthens the Orange Business Service delivery of premium business services, including Ethernet, IP virtual private networks and advanced voice over IP services, with the reliability and quality of service that businesses require.

Incorporating the Alcatel-Lucent terabit service routing portfolio into its network has enabled Orange Business Services to provide higher performance to more customers, all with reduced physical footprint. The new IP/MPLS network has improved the service provider's time to market while reducing operational expenses through the simplification and optimization of the new converged infrastructure.

"Over the past 18 months we've continued to invest in the capability and reach of our communications infrastructure, enabling us to provide businesses in France with world-class, scalable data solutions at competitive rates," said Didier Duriez, Senior VP International & backbone network factory, Orange Business Services. "Deploying Alcatel-Lucent's service router solution accelerates our IP network transformation and helps launch new services with higher availability for business critical applications."

Orange Business Services deployed Alcatel-Lucent's award-winning IP/MPLS Terabit Service Router portfolio to enhance IP capacity and service flexibility within the network. With the Alcatel-Lucent 7750 SR, service providers can rely on a new type of cost-optimized, highly-available and feature-rich service delivery infrastructure that can seamlessly scale to address both residential and managed data service market needs. Alcatel-Lucent provided integration and testing services, utilizing the company's in-depth IP Transformation experience and will continue supporting Orange Business Services network transformation to simplify the network and provide higher capacity, services and reliability while reducing costs.

"Minimizing costs, improving service quality and adding new functionality are the major drivers behind Orange Business Service's transformation initiative," said Pierre Barnabé, Vice President, FT/Orange Global Account for Alcatel-Lucent. "The high performance, unmatched Ethernet density and reliability of the Alcatel-Lucent 7750 SR have been critical factors for Orange Business Services' decision for this network transformation."

Orange Business Services joins a list of more than 260 service providers in more than 100 countries that have selected the Alcatel-Lucent IP/MPLS portfolio. This result reflects Alcatel-Lucent's growing customer base and market adoption of its expanding IP/MPLS portfolio, which has set the industry standard for scalability, quality of service, and high availability.

About Orange

Orange is the key brand of France Telecom, one of the world's leading telecommunications operators. With 123 million customers, the Orange brand now covers Internet, television and mobile services in the majority of countries where the Group operates. At the end of 2008, France Telecom had consolidated sales of 53.5 billion euros (12.7 billion euros for the first quarter of 2009) and at April 29, 2009, the Group had a customer base of almost 184 million customers in 30 countries. These include 123 million mobile customers worldwide and 13 million broadband Internet (ADSL) customers in Europe. Orange is the number three mobile operator and the number one provider of broadband Internet services in Europe and, under the brand Orange Business Services, is one of the world leaders in providing telecommunication services to multinational companies.

The Group's strategy, which is characterized by a strong focus on innovation, convergence and effective cost management, aims to establish Orange as an integrated operator and benchmark for new telecommunications services in Europe. Today the Group remains focused on its core activities as a network operator, while working to develop its position in new growth activities. To meet customer expectations, the Group strives to provide products and services that are simple and user-friendly, while maintaining a sustainable and responsible business model that can be adapted to the requirements of a fast-paced and changing eco-system.

France Telecom (NYSE:FTE) is listed on Euronext Paris (compartment A) and on the New York Stock Exchange.

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