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## **DANTE and Infonet announce award of contract for the interconnection of TEN-155 to the European commercial Internet**

**Hoofddorp, the Netherlands / Cambridge, United Kingdom - April 18, 2000** - Infonet Services Corporation (NYSE:IN) and DANTE, the company organising advanced data networking services for the European research community, today announced the signing of a contract which awards the provision of connectivity between the TEN-155 network and the European commercial Internet to Infonet.

The first interconnection between TEN-155 and the European commercial Internet under this new contract was made in Amsterdam in September 1999. The interconnections in Geneva, London and Stockholm were made in October, November and January respectively.

The pan-European research network TEN-155 (Trans European Network currently operating at speeds up to 155 Mbps) is planned, built and managed by DANTE. TEN-155 interconnects the national research and education networks in 18 European countries and provides the European academic research community with an international 'best efforts' IP service. TEN-155 also provides for an end-to-end Managed Bandwidth Service, giving scientists and researchers across Europe guaranteed bandwidth for advanced application developments. As a direct result of the Quantum project, the TEN-155 network is co-funded by the European Commission and is one of the largest operational pan-European networks.

Infonet operates one of the largest pan-European IP backbone networks. This fully managed Internet backbone provides a non-overbooked, highly reliable, high-speed and congestion-free connection to the Internet. On an average business day, this IP backbone carries one third of Europe's Internet traffic.

### **About DANTE**

The launch of DANTE (Delivery of Advanced Network Technology to Europe Ltd.) in 1993 marked an important milestone in the history of European research networking. Set up to provide advanced international data network services for the European research community, DANTE's services complement those provided by the national research networks. DANTE is a not-for-profit company, which has a number of European national research and education networks as its shareholders. Information on DANTE and TEN-155 is available on <http://www.dante.net>.

### **About Infonet**

Infonet Services Corporation is a world leader in providing global networking services to multinational enterprises for frame relay, Internet, Intranet, electronic commerce and integrated voice/data solutions.

Infonet provides a full suite of messaging and collaborative products and services. Infonet's services are supported locally in more than 60 countries. Infonet also manages the business, services and network of AUCS Communications Services, the European-based global services provider. Together the two companies present an integrated portfolio of products and services under the Infonet name. The World Network from Infonet is currently accessible from over 180 countries. News and information are available on <http://www.infonet.com/>.

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