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Freeonline uses Lucent Technologies for new Internet Approach

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SYDNEY, Australia — Lucent Technologies (NYSE:LU), a leading provider of hardware to Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and FreeOnline, Australia's first free ISP, have announced a AUD\$7 million (US\$4.5 million) agreement in which Lucent will supply networking technology enabling FreeOnline to offer customised Internet technology to the subscribers of more than 6,000 ISPs globally. An Australian first, FreeOnline offers free, limited Internet and e-mail access to users. It enables subscribers to surf for free - and for an unlimited amount of time - to more than 4,000 Web sites in its FreeZone. The FreeZone includes various shopping, sports, banking, government, education and community sites. Based on a user's Internet behaviours and preferences, FreeOnline provides information that reflects their personal interests and lifestyles by making instantly available information and services that individuals need, creating a more convenient, effective and enjoyable Internet experience. The FreeOnline system incorporates a network engineered by Lucent, using the company's latest digital dial-in modem technology that includes the MAX TNT carrier-class WAN access switch, giving ISPs a high-capacity, multi-service platform. The system also includes the CBX 500, a scalable, multi-service switch with high capacity for maximum performance, which requires minimum space. "FreeOnline is not only one of Asia Pacific's fastest growing ISPs, currently bringing the Internet to 80,000 registered users in Australia, but is also Australia's first free ISP of its kind," said Ralph Candiloro, general manager, Lucent Technologies InterNetworking Systems (INS), Australia/New Zealand. "Lucent is delighted to support FreeOnline in taking the Internet to the next level - making it easier and more convenient for users," he said. "Lucent Technologies was our first choice network provider," said Bill Lang, executive director for FreeOnline. "Not only is Lucent the global leader in the provision of technical and engineering services, but it has an unparalleled understanding of the needs of Internet providers and the enthusiasm that will enable FreeOnline to advance Internet technology as we know it." Lucent Technologies joins a growing number of leading organisations that have signed agreements with FreeOnline, including the world's second-largest Internet super carrier, PSI Net; Australia's leading global financial services company, the National Australia Group; and Australia's largest retail network, Australia Post.

About FreeOnline.com.au Pty Limited and Sharinga Networks IncFreeOnline is the largest Free Internet Access Service provider and the fastest growing ISP in the Southern Hemisphere. Utilising its proprietary online access technologies, the Sharinga Network, it is the leading ISP working with corporate partners including the National Australia Bank and Australia Post. The company is creating the next generation of corporate sponsored online services for consumers and businesses. Sharinga Networks Inc is currently finalising the launch of its services for ISPs in the USA, Western Europe, India and China.

About Lucent TechnologiesLucent Technologies, headquartered in Murray Hill, N.J., USA, designs and delivers the systems, software, silicon and services for next-generation communications networks for service providers and enterprises. Backed by the research and development of Bell Labs, Lucent focuses on high-growth areas such as optical and wireless networks; Internet infrastructure; communications software; communications semiconductors and optoelectronics; Web-based enterprise solutions that link private and public networks; and professional network design and consulting services. For more information on Lucent Technologies, visit its Web site at [/](#).