



Press Release

HCL Comnet launches India's FIRST Microsoft Centre of Excellence for Infrastructure Management

- To make an initial investment of \$1mn

New Delhi, November 8, 2005: HCL Comnet, India's leading IT services company, today announced the opening of India's FIRST Microsoft Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Infrastructure Management. This Microsoft CoE will significantly add to HCL's existing capabilities in offering Migration and Project Services to worldwide customers on new Microsoft technologies, thus, further strengthening its Remote Infrastructure Management Service capabilities and leadership.

The CoE will further enhance HCL's capabilities in implementing best practices around active Microsoft platform & technologies, building unique solutions for implementing new MS technology platforms, showcasing and offering migration and project based services to global customers for deploying new MS platforms like Windows Vista, SMS, MS System Centre, MOM 2007 etc.

Under this CoE, an exclusive Infrastructure Lab will be set-up at Comnet's state-of-the-art premises at Noida with an initial investment of USD1 mn by HCL.

Commenting on this initiative, Anant Gupta, COO, HCL Comnet said, "This CoE brings to light another interesting facet to our existing relationship with Microsoft and is an important milestone for the Remote Infrastructure Management Industry in India and HCL's global leadership in this arena."

The infrastructure management CoE will add a new dimension to the existing HCL-Microsoft relationship by reducing the total cost of ownership of software on the Microsoft side and adding more value to the skill-set of engineers/analysts on HCL's side.

HCL is the first India-based vendor to offer end-to-end Remote Infrastructure Management Services to global clients. HCL was recently ranked No.1 'Specialty Offshore Infrastructure Services Provider' by NeoIT and 'Managing Offshore' magazine.

About HCL Comnet:

A 100% subsidiary of HCL technologies, HCL Comnet is India's leading IT services company. A focused player in the IT services arena, HCL Comnet seeks to provide simplified infrastructure solutions through delivering high-performance management services for complex, distributed infrastructure environments encompassing the Internet, Client and legacy based infrastructures.

HCL Comnet addresses the growing demand for the cost-effective management of technology infrastructure across geographically dispersed locations. With a mission to develop innovative solutions for enterprises worldwide, the company has developed a unique model for Remote IT



infrastructure management that enables customer organizations to achieve superior infrastructure performance and significantly reduced costs.

About HCL Enterprise:

HCL Enterprise is a leading Global Technology and IT enterprise with annual revenues of US \$2.5 billion (INR 11,000 crores) with IT Products and Services contributing to revenues of over \$1.1 billion. The HCL Enterprise comprises two companies listed in India, HCL Technologies & HCL Infosystems. Founded in 1976, the '29 year old' enterprise, is one of India's original IT garage start ups. Its range of offerings span Product Engineering, Technology and Application Services, BPO, Infrastructure Services, IT Hardware, Systems Integration, and distribution of technology and telecom products. The HCL team comprises nearly 30,000 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 15 countries including 300 points of presence in India. HCL has global partnerships with several leading Fortune 1000 firms, including IT and Technology firms. For more information please visit www.hcl.in

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