



RESEARCH NETWORK SURFNET SELECTS TINET FOR HIGH-QUALITY IP TRANSIT IN THE NETHERLANDS

MILAN, ITALY & UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS – July 7, 2009 – [Tinet](#), formerly the carrier arm of Tiscali Group, and the only global carrier exclusively committed to the IP/MPLS wholesale market, and [SURFnet](#), a world leading national research and education network, announce that Tinet was selected, to deliver high-quality IP transit, including IPv4, IPv6, and Multicast, for a five-year term over a 10 Gbps port to SURFnet in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Following BELNET and HEAnet, SURFnet is the third research network to join Tinet, a clear indication of Tinet’s ability to deliver high quality, best-of-breed services within the IP data arena for the high-bandwidth research community.

“As SURFnet connects all major organizations for higher education and research in the Netherlands, it is vital that our network is able to deliver high quality and cutting-edge network services,” states Erik-Jan Bos, managing director of SURFnet. “Our 160 connected organizations require an always-on and congestion-free network performance. Tinet offers its high-performance network services across a solid backbone infrastructure, and with its extensive IPv6 backbone, Tinet is one of the few companies who is able to deliver the next generation of IP routed services over a robust and reliable network.”

“We are excited to be supporting the SURFnet network,” continues Paolo Susnik, CEO of Tinet. “SURFnet has a strong history of innovation, consistently delivering highly advanced networking solutions to universities, research institutions and academic hospitals throughout the Netherlands. Our companies share the same commitment to high customer service, focusing on delivering innovative and reliable network services.”

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About Tinet:

Tinet, formerly the carrier arm of Tiscali Group, is the only global carrier exclusively committed to the IP/MPLS wholesale market. With network presence and customers in EMEA, Americas and APAC, Tinet provides global IP Transit and Ethernet connectivity to Carriers, Service and Content Providers worldwide, within 7 working days. The carrier guarantees customers proactive management of SLAs and protection from DDoS attacks.



Established in 2002, Tinet's unique business model, based on focus and simplicity, assures the delivery of the highest standard of service. Tinet has grown to become one of the top 10 global IPv4 backbones and the number one IPv6 network worldwide.

For more information on Tinet, please visit www.tinet.net.

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About SURFnet

SURFnet is the National Research & Education Network (NREN) organisation in The Netherlands. SURFnet develops and provides innovative services for education and research in the field of network infrastructure, authentication and authorisation and online multi-media collaboration services. Every day SURFnet provides access to these services to over one million users in higher education and research. SURFnet is part of SURF, the collaborative organisation for higher education institutions and research institutes which are together working on breakthrough innovations in ICT. For more than 20 year SURFnet has been one of the world's leading research network operators. More information can be found at: www.surfnet.nl/info/en/.