

SWITCH COMMUNICATIONS SELECTED AS ALCATEL-LUCENT UK BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2007

London, UK – July 1st, 2008: Alcatel-Lucent has today announced the winners of its 2007 partner awards, designed to showcase its top performing UK channel business partners.

The 'Business Partner of the Year' award was given to Switch Communications, a specialist solutions provider for business telecommunications services and an Alcatel-Lucent premium business partner. Switch Communications picked up the award after securing a number of major deals, substantially investing in its business and expanding to new premises.

"Switch Communications has a rich history with Alcatel-Lucent covering some 16 years, and has developed an exciting and robust business that takes advantage of the full ALU portfolio," said Andrew Terry, managing director at Switch. "We had an demanding year in 2007, which included an HQ relocation to offices in central Croydon, new staging and storage facilities in London, and securing accreditation for the Office of Government Commerce Catalist framework. Furthermore, we delivered numerous joint high profile Alcatel-Lucent solutions that contributed to a 25 percent growth in revenues. This investment will provide a solid foundation to exploit our potential for 2008, and we are honoured to be awarded with UK Business Partner of the Year."

"Switch Communications has had impressive results this year. Switch Communications' ambition, understanding of the market, and commitment to Alcatel-Lucent is highly commendable, and the award is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation of the company's hard work," said David Parker, vice president for Alcatel-Lucent's enterprise activities for UK & Ireland.

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About Switch Communications

Headquartered in the UK, Switch Communications is a specialist solutions provider for business telecommunications services. The company provides a complete range of tailored voice and data systems, using both fixed and mobile technologies. Through multi-media portals, integrated voice and data networking, and web-based applications and services, Switch Communications is able to deliver seamless and scaleable systems integration across corporate network infrastructures for businesses of all sizes. For more information, please visit: <http://www.switchcomms.co.uk> or call + 44 (0) 208 8604 0000.

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