

AZURE TO HIGHLIGHT NEXT-GENERATION BILLING AND INTERCONNECT ACCOUNTING AT TELECOMS CONFERENCES

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Azure, the telecoms revenue assurance company, will be presenting and exhibiting at the 'Optimising Interconnect Accounting Strategies' and 'Next Generation Billing Systems and Processes' conferences, which take place at The Sheraton, Lisbon, Portugal, between 1-4 December 2003.

Eden Phillips, CTO at Azure, will be jointly presenting with Dan Even Henriksen Åsliof of Telenor, a session entitled "Identifying the optimum billing migration strategy to deliver the requisite level of flexibility, scalability and performance to bill for current and new generation services" at 11:05 on 2 December 2003. The session aims to pinpoint the strengths and weaknesses of current billing processes and identify successful next-generation billing and revenue assurance strategies.

Martin Browne, executive director at Azure, will be presenting a session entitled "Examining the challenges presented by inter-operator accounting when optimising risk and revenue management strategies" at 16:00 on 2 December 2003. The session will identify the key revenue assurance challenges faced in the interconnect billing process and show how operators can overcome revenue losses.

Azure will also be hosting a full-day pre-conference workshop on 1 December 2003. The session, entitled "An introduction to next-generation interconnect accounting", will show the evolution of interconnect accounting and how to minimise interconnect fraud and abuse.

Azure's principal objective is to enable communications operators worldwide to reduce losses and safeguard profits from malicious and unintentional revenue leakage. It offers a range of revenue assurance products and services including; Interconnect Accounting, Fraud Management, Event Integrity, Mediation Management and Route Optimisation.

Azure is backed by the recently launched technology venturing partnership, NVP Brightstar, created in February this year. NVP Brightstar was created by BT Brightstar, formerly part of BT's research and technology business, BT Exact; Coller Capital, the UK based global private equity investment manager; and New Venture Partners, the US-based venture capital firm.

Should you wish to meet Azure at the event, please e-mail events@azuresolutions.com to register your interest and arrange a time.

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About Azure (www.azuresolutions.com)

Azure is one of the world's leading revenue assurance companies with offices in London, Ipswich, Stockholm and Hong Kong. Its portfolio includes Interconnect Billing, Fraud Management, Mediation Software, Event Integrity and Route Optimisation. Azure provides individual products or complete revenue assurance solutions using a common platform and any combination of products that a customer might need. Customers can choose a system that they own and operate themselves or a bureau that Azure manages on their behalf. Amongst Azure's customers are PTTs, mobile operators, national operators, carrier's carrier and cable TV companies; Azure has significant carrier experience and understands the problems faced by all these operators. The company's heritage is based on the fundamental technology and skills developed whilst in BT in the early 1990's with many of the world-class technical experts remaining at Azure today.

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