AZURE TO HOST INTERCONNECTION FRAUD WORKSHOP AT TELECOMS FRAUD 2004

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Azure, the telecoms revenue assurance company, will be hosting a pre-conference workshop on interconnection fraud at Telecoms Fraud 2004, taking place at the Strand Palace Hotel, London, on Tuesday 30 March 2004. The conference itself takes place at Le Meridien Waldorf, London from Wednesday 31 March, to Friday 2 April 2004.

Martin Browne, vice president of business development at Azure, and Dave Woods, director of fraud control services, will be co-hosting the workshop entitled "Detecting and Preventing Interconnection Fraud" from 9.00am. In addition Steve Strangeway, fraud solutions manager at BT Global Services Security, will be explaining how BT Global Services has managed to reduce its fraud losses to world-class levels.

The workshop will aim to identify different types of interconnection fraud and revenue leakage, and cover the technical strategies needed to detect and reduce losses. It will be based on a series of practical sessions covering the legal and regulatory issues, how to accurately measure interconnection fraud losses and how to develop and optimise fraud management strategies.

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.

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, Paris 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.

Azure was spun out of BT in April 2003 and is backed by the technology venturing partnership, NVP Brightstar, created in February 2003. NVP Brightstar has been 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.

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