

AZURE SOLUTIONS APPOINTS HEAD OF FRAUD OPERATIONS

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Azure Solutions, the revenue-assurance company, today announced it has appointed Pete Watts as head of fraud operations, as Azure further consolidates its position as a leading provider of telecoms fraud-management solutions.

Pete has over 30 years' telecoms experience and joins Azure from BT Wholesale, where he was head of fraud operations and services. In that role, Pete managed BT's fraud bureau service operations in Milton Keynes, Gatwick and Cardiff, and helped to build the BT Fraud Management Centre of Excellence.

Prior to that Pete was fraud risk manager at BT, where he was responsible for identifying, managing and reducing current and potential fraud loss within BT Group and its joint ventures. This involved delivering fraud-management technical solutions and training to the specifications of BT and its customers, enabling BT to reduce fraud to world-leading levels.

John Cronin, president and CEO of Azure Solutions, said: "We are very pleased that Pete has joined Azure. He brings great experience and understands the fraud management issues that face major operators. Fraud is of increasing concern for many operators, and we hope to utilise Pete's expertise to continue to deliver effective fraud-management solutions to customers worldwide."

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About Azure Solutions (www.azuresolutions.com)

Azure Solutions is the world's largest revenue-assurance company. It is headquartered in London, with people in Westminster (Colorado), Ipswich, Paris, Frankfurt, Madrid, Barcelona, Islamabad, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Singapore, Sydney and Melbourne. Azure's solutions for current -generation networks include End-to-End Revenue Assurance, Interconnect Billing, International Settlements, Fraud Management, Mediation Management, Event Integrity and Route Optimisation. Azure has launched Azure Inter-Party Management as the first product in its next-generation portfolio. 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. Azure has over 60 customers across the world comprising 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 can be traced back to BT in the early 1990s. Azure was spun out of BT in April 2003 and is backed by New Venture Partners (www.nvpllc.com).

Azure won the 'Best Revenue-Assurance Project' award at the World Billing Awards 2005.

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