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REACH Ranked Top IP Backbone in Asia

5 September 2005, HONG KONG -- REACH, Asia's premier provider of international telecommunications services, has been ranked the top IP backbone operator (in terms of Intra-Asia connectivity) by independent market research firm Gartner Inc. This is the fifth year in a row that REACH has won the top spot in the annual Gartner study which has recently been published.

"The report highlights that REACH provides its principal data customers, PCCW and Telstra, with unrivalled regional connectivity," said Mr. Wei-Chou Su, Director of Customer Management, REACH. "We are delighted with the report which confirms our position as the top IP backbone in Asia."

"The tremendous growth that you are seeing in broadband and other bandwidth intensive applications is driving the demand for IP services," said Su. "REACH's Intra-Asia IP network capacity has increased from 17 Gbit/s to 27 Gbit/s over a 12-month period, and global customer traffic has increased from 23 Gbit/s to 36 Gbit/s during the same period."

REACH also has the fastest gateway to China and Taiwan with over 10.5 Gbit/s of capacity from its hub in Hong Kong.

"REACH offers superior regional connectivity through its combination of high backbone capacity and excellent geographic reach, especially in North Asia," said Mr. To Chee Eng, Gartner's research director for Telecom in the Asia-Pacific and author of the Gartner report.

"We take into consideration capacity, the ability to connect to more countries, peering capabilities and customer relationships with major ISPs, when evaluating which carrier has the best regional connectivity" said Mr. To.

The REACH IP backbone network is also ranked the best connected IP network centred in the Asia-Pacific region and the sixth best in the world by independent research firm Netconfigs (Netconfigs, 2005).

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**About REACH**

REACH is the premier provider of international telecommunication services in Asia. REACH also delivers the international service requirements of two of the largest established carriers in Asia (PCCW and Telstra) via the operation and management of the most diverse high-speed network in the region. REACH has interests in more than 40 submarine cable and satellite systems (including Asia's largest teleport), and operating licences and landing rights in most major markets including Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Australia, North America and Europe. REACH is headquartered in Hong Kong, with a significant presence in Australia and substantial businesses across Asia, North America and Europe. For further information, please visit www.reach.com

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