

TNS to provide GPRS connectivity to BNLPOSitivity

BNL POSitivity is now able to offer its retail customers a mobile GPRS transaction solution, following a new arrangement with Transaction Network Services (TNS). TNS, a proven supplier of GPRS solutions globally, will provide rapid transactions to BNL POSitivity's entire GPRS terminal estate, through TNS' secure and reliable network.

"The GPRS solution is a new and exciting technology for us," said Walter Pinci, general manager, BNL POSitivity. "It connects our mobile terminals instantly and allows us to provide a fast, reliable and secure service to our customers. TNS is a leader in GPRS solutions in the payment market in Italy, so it was a natural choice to work with them. The solution is cost-effective and efficient, meeting our business requirements and the needs of our customers."

"BNL POSitivity recognises the benefits of a robust, reliable GPRS connection, for the mobility it enables," said Angelo Secchi, managing director, TNS Italy. "The ability to complete transactions quickly will also be a significant advantage for the company, and we are delighted to be working with them to provide this innovative solution."

BNL POSitivity is a joint venture between BNL and First Data Corporation, providing merchant acquiring services to merchants across Italy.

About TNS

Transaction Network Services is one of the leading providers of business-critical, cost-effective data communications services for transaction-oriented applications. TNS provides rapid, reliable and secure transaction delivery platforms to enable transaction authorisation and processing across several vertical markets and trading communities.

Since its inception in 1990, TNS has designed and implemented multiple data networks, each designed specifically for the transport of transaction-oriented data. TNS networks support a variety of widely accepted communications protocols and are designed to be scalable and accessible by multiple methods. TNS network technologies have been deployed in the United States and internationally, and TNS networks have become preferred networks servicing the trading community, wireless and wireline carriers, and the card processing and dial-up automated teller machine markets. For further information about TNS transaction solutions, please refer to www.tns-international.com

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