



Transaction Network Services

TNS and Easynet provide data transport solution to French retailers

Transaction Network Services (TNS) has signed a new partnership with Easynet to provide French retailers with a single gateway for transporting all data and voice communications, including payment transactions. The secure virtual private network (VPN) solution enables retailers to capitalise on the benefits of DSL and route all transactions, as well as internet services such as VoIP, through the same portal.

Combining Easynet's DSL VPN experience with TNS' transaction delivery expertise provides retailers with a secure, fast and cost-effective solution for all internet applications and data transportation.

Jezabel Foricheur, access and network services product manager at Easynet, comments, "Working with TNS allows us to increase the range of options we can supply to the retailer on the virtual private network. Offering the one gateway for all voice and data transfers allows the retailer to get the maximum benefit from minimum investment. Simply put, the need for multiple telecom access channels is eliminated."

Thierry Jasserand, VP sales and marketing at TNS France adds, "We are delighted to be working with Easynet as the partnership gives TNS the capabilities to offer new services and build new relationships with retailers. The main benefit working with Easynet is that we are able to add real value to the retailer. The integrated solution is secure and provides just one gateway for transporting all of their payment and non-payment information."

Easynet and TNS will also expand the solution to banks, providing capabilities to securely transport banking transactions using SSL (secure socket layer) technology.

About Easynet

Easynet is an international managed networking and hosting company, delivering superbly managed solutions for businesses and enterprises. Owing extensive national and international network and hosting infrastructure, Easynet sets itself apart through customer service excellence. Easynet's approach is underpinned by professional excellence in understanding, designing, delivering, and management of customer solutions, our ability to work successfully with partners, and our attention to quality. Easynet has operations across Europe.

Easynet works hard to ensure its customers are its best advocates, and include the Ford Motor Company, Kia Motors, Calor , Tchibo and Kellogs Italia.

Easynet is part of the British Sky Broadcasting group, with a total market capitalisation in excess of £9bn.

For more information visit www.easynet.com

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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