



Transaction Network Services

SCOTMID SPEEDS UP FOR CUSTOMERS AND STAFF

30 June 2008 - SCOTMID Co-operative Society has selected Transaction Network Services (NYSE:TNS) to provide fully-managed ADSL broadband connectivity to process store card transactions and reduce customer waiting times at the point of sale.

Using a secure private network connection, TNS will also process data between SCOTMID's head office in Edinburgh and its 260 locations across the UK, made up of food stores, toiletry stores, funeral branches and warehouses.

The leading independent co-operative in Scotland previously used ISDN leased lines to process and authorise card transactions, which was expensive and time consuming. SCOTMID switched to TNS to guarantee data security through its private IP network, so enabling the company's head office to update store-based applications efficiently from a central location.

Scott Kerr, Head of IT at SCOTMID, explains: "TNS has an outstanding reputation for its services, especially in the payments sector, and we wanted to work with a partner who could provide the best security for our transactions. The company offers network resilience and 24/7 support, providing peace of mind."

"The increased bandwidth available allows us to fully leverage existing and planned applications to improve corporate performance and customer service. It also allows us to significantly improve our disaster recovery capability".

Commenting on the deal, Mark Collins, Managing Director, TNS UK and Ireland said: "SCOTMID is one of Scotland's leading food retailers so we're delighted to be involved in the upgrade of its payment processes and data accessibility. With our

broadband connections and private network, we are helping the company keep up to date with technological developments, which is a must in the competitive retail industry.”

TNS is one of the world’s leading providers of business-critical network and data communications services for transaction-orientated applications.

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About SCOTMID Co-operative

SCOTMID Co-operative Society can date its roots back to 1859.

Today the Society has over 250 retail outlets in the shape of community based food stores branded SCOTMID and its toiletry chain Semi Chem. It is also one of the Scotland’s major funeral directors.

Completing the picture is MST, the Society’s wholesale supplier of health and beauty goods. The Society also has an extensive portfolio of commercial and residential properties throughout Scotland.

SCOTMID is one of Scotland’s biggest employers with over 4,200 staff and is now established as one of the country’s leading businesses.

About TNS

Transaction Network Services (TNS) is an international data communications company that enables payments, money and voices to move around the world.

TNS’ mission is to enable the world to transact. It does this through a broad range of networking, data communications and value added services, which it provides to many of the world’s leading retailers, banks/processors, telecommunications companies and financial markets.

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. Today, TNS has offices throughout the world serving customers in 28 countries with the ability to provide services in other countries.

For further information about TNS, visit www.tnsi.com

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