

## **CARTASI GROUP IMPROVES SERVICES WITH TNS**

**27 November 2008 MILAN, ITALY-** Italian issuing and acquiring specialist Si Servizi is strengthening its payments capabilities after signing a deal with Transaction Network Services (NYSE:TNS) for network connectivity and payment transaction processing services.

Si Servizi is part of CartaSi Group, the leading card issuer and acquirer in the Italian market. It provides companies, banks, and financial institutions with electronic payment systems services and solutions that support both front and back office activities.

The organization will use TNS' services for dial up connectivity to process payment transactions over the Public Switched Telephone Network. Si Servizi will also utilize a special function of the TNSOnline solution to allow its customers to monitor transaction activity through terminal identification numbers rather than phone numbers.

Antonio D'Aloia, Chief Executive Officer at Si Servizi said: "We chose TNS because they are highly regarded in the payments industry. They understand our needs and are willing to work with us to cater services in order to meet our individual requirements."

The TNSOnline solution is a web based network management portal which allows Si Servizi to monitor network devices, view transaction activity in near real time, and provide problem management status.

Si Servizi can also rely on the security and performance of the TNS' global PCI-DSS certified backbone network and 24x7x365 helpdesk services with live real-time support.

Giovanni Miste, Sales Manager for TNS Italy, added: “Unlike many of our competitors, TNS has a unique focus on transaction services. We strive to do all we can to help our customers process payment transactions more quickly and easily; this not only gives them peace of mind, but also allows more time to devote to other core business responsibilities.”

To find out more about TNS please visit [www.tnsi.com](http://www.tnsi.com).

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### **About CartaSi Group**

CartaSi Group is the Italian leader in the credit cards market with 7 million cardholders that represent the 31% of the active credit cards in Italy. The Group provides banks and companies with issuing and acquiring services and operates, through an holding company - Si Holding SpA -, which totally controls six companies: CartaSi SpA, Si Servizi SpA, Si Call SpA,, CartaFacile SpA, CartaSi Capital SpA and a captive reinsurance company.

Si Servizi is CartaSi Group service provider and offers its innovative services primarily in the electronic payment systems area (payments using POS devices and smart cards and electronic and mobile commerce). The company provides banks, financial institutions and companies with a complete, integrated portfolio of products and services that facilitate the entire life cycles of customers' payment systems.

### **About Transaction Network Services**

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, 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](http://www.tnsi.com)

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