



TNS PARTNERS WITH CITIC 1616 TO DELIVER MOBILE ROAMING AND CLEARING SOLUTIONS TO HIGH-GROWTH ASIA PACIFIC REGION

*New Alliance Extends TNS' Presence into Asia;
Expands CITIC 1616 Portfolio of Telecom Services*

OLYMPIA, WA – May 1, 2009 – Transaction Network Services (NYSE:TNS) a leading provider of mobile roaming services in North America, and CITIC 1616, a leading telecom services hub in Asia, announced an alliance that enables both companies to jointly deliver valuable roaming and clearing services to Asian operators. Prior to today's agreement, service provider choice for specialized roaming services was extremely limited. The formation of this alliance will also provide mobile operators in the region with greater selection for services functionality.

The agreement includes the roaming and clearing portfolio of TNS including services such as: Cellular Intercarrier Billing Exchange Roamer (CIBER) and Transferred Account Procedure (TAP) Clearing – Settlement and Exchange Service; and Intelligent Message Processing for Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) signaling interoperability.

Roaming usage and consumption of new roaming services such as mobile data continue to grow rapidly and are forecast to nearly double over the next five years. Subscriber growth is expected to slow over the same period, making revenue streams from roaming services increasingly significant to mobile operators.

"This alliance with TNS enables us to deliver a new set of complementary services to the mobile marketplace in Asia," CITIC 1616 CFO Sutton Cheung said.

David Sitomer, vice president of Business Development and Strategy for TNS said, "Our agreement with CITIC 1616 is an important part of our strategy to serve the Asia Pacific

marketplace. This alliance will, at last, provide mobile operators with local sales and support, as well as service provider choice for specialized roaming services.”

For example, TNS will provide mission critical services such as::

- CIBER and TAP Clearing – Settlement and Exchange Service: an intelligent infrastructure service that allows carriers to track and analyze their wholesale financial position for roaming subscriber usage with roaming partners via a Web-based reporting interface.
- Intelligent Message Processing for CDMA signaling interoperability: an advanced centralized solution that addresses each element of establishing and maintaining a seamless global roaming service. This service gives subscribers access to the same features and security when they travel abroad as they have in their home areas as well as providing support for international roamers visiting local service areas.
- Connectivity and Transport Services for voice and data roaming.

The joint offering is available to mobile operators in Asia via consultation with the CITIC1616 Sales organization and can be arranged by submitting an inquiry to http://www.citic1616.com/en_contactus.php.

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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

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About CITIC 1616 Holdings Limited

CITIC 1616 Holdings Limited (CITIC 1616) as established in 1999 is now public and listed on the Main Board of Hong Kong Stock Exchange with stock code 1883.

CITIC 1616 is one of the leading telecommunications hubs to provide telecom services in the Asia Pacific including Voice Service, Mobile SMS and other value-added services (Signaling Transit, Prepaid Roaming and VAS applications), Data Service and Telecom solutions to telecom carriers, mobile operators and ISP. Additional news and information about the company is available at www.citic1616.com.

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