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SIGOS is awarded contract for project in China **Test systems reinforce the stability of mobile phone networks**

NUREMBERG – SIGOS, the Nuremberg telecommunications specialist is getting in on the Chinese market with its high growth potential. Siemens Shanghai Mobile Communications Ltd. has commissioned SIGOS to help them improve the quality of the mobile telephone networks there. In contrast to the weaknesses of the branch SIGOS is thus continuing on its successful course. The aim is to reinforce its own market position through internationalization.

Siemens Shanghai Mobile Communications Ltd., a Chinese-German Joint Venture, supplies network elements to Chinese mobile phone network operators. Of crucial importance here is to optimize the quality and interplay of the individual components to such an extent that the mobile phone networks and their services function reliably. The role of SIGOS Systemintegration GmbH Nuremberg here is to build up an automatic test platform with which network quality may be automatically tested. Previously, this task was performed by Siemens Shanghai Mobile Communications Ltd. in the form of arduous, complicated manual tests which were not, moreover, reproducible.

Like every manufacturer in the telecommunications branch Siemens Shanghai Mobile Communications Ltd. is also continuously improving its TC network components with software and hardware upgrades. Even small modifications may however lead to problems and impair availability or even immobilize certain services completely. In order to prevent this, once new software is installed on components, it is first tested whether all the network operator services such as GPRS, SMS, WAP are still working perfectly. SIGOS GmbH is now to deliver a test platform with which these tests may be automated and the exact source of errors located. The advantage: all tests are repeatable under the same conditions.

SIGOS Systemintegration GmbH, Nuremberg, with a present workforce of 50 employees, has a turnover of approx. 5,5 million Euro. The company has specialised in consultancy, system integration and test solutions in the telecommunications branch. Customers in Europe include network operators (amongst others Vodafone, T-Mobile, O₂, Quam, E-Plus, Swisscom, TIM, KPN) and manufacturers (amongst others Ericsson Eurolab, Lucent Technologies). SIGOS has worked for years now on international standardisation committees such as ETSI or ITU-T. The company was founded in 1989 by 17 telecommunications experts.

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