



Madge Networks completes major network upgrade at The Henley College

Provides premier sixth form college with centralized network management, to improve network performance and accommodate future growth

Wexham Springs, UNITED KINGDOM (February 8, 2002) – Madge Networks N.V. (NASDAQ NM: MADGF) has successfully completed a major strategic upgrade project for The Henley College, Thames Valley's premier sixth form college. Henley College has upgraded its existing IT network to a new, 100Mbps high performance switched Token Ring infrastructure as part of a strategic consolidation of its networking backbone. This will enable the college to achieve centralized control and management of its network, and reduce the risk of network failure. The project accommodates future growth whilst protecting the College's initial Token Ring investment and reducing maintenance and training costs.

The College's new infrastructure, based on Madge Smart Ringswitch Express™, was implemented through Madge Networks' partner, Syscomm, who have many years experience in the design, provision and support of Token Ring LAN infrastructures. The Madge Token Ring solution provides seamless scaling of Token Ring networks to Gigabit speeds and integration of Ethernet devices and workgroups across a common backbone. The infrastructure will enable The Henley College to provide its students with a reliable high performance network to cope with increased use of bandwidth-intensive multimedia and video-editing applications with no overall degradation of network performance.

Steve Sharrad, IT Operations Manager for The Henley College commented: "We have 2000 students at the college, who share 600 workstations for over 40 courses which include a lot of multimedia activity. We needed to upgrade and centralize our existing network to improve network performance and management whilst protecting our initial Token Ring

investment. We chose a Madge solution because we found them to be technically superior to anything else in the market, as well as being very reliable. I also chose Syscomm because of their experience in real-life heterogeneous networks and their customer-oriented approach. We valued their involvement in the entire project – from the design to implementation, and are now very confident that we have a scalable strategic solution for the future.

"Having all the switches on a single platform is also a major benefit for us - it makes the Madge network much simpler to maintain and easier to use, requiring less staff training. At the college, the computer network is used almost constantly, day and night, so we can't afford any downtime. So, just as with any other business, system availability, as well of the quality of the service provided, is very important to us. With Madge as the backbone we are confident that we have a reliable, high performance network which will grow with us in the future," continued Steve Sharrad.



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About The Henley College

The Henley College is the premier Tertiary College in South Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. It specializes in post-16 education and offers students an excellent choice of more than 40 A-Levels, the International Baccalaureate and a large number of vocational courses at all levels.

About Syscomm

Syscomm is a service-oriented specialist networking company based in the West Midlands. Syscomm offers scaleable turnkey network solutions in the areas of LAN & WAN design and implementation, in client/server, AS/400 and mainframe environments. These solutions are backed up by a broad range of consultancy and support services that include LAN and WAN hardware and software, network management, training, maintenance, support, and Internet connectivity and security services. For more information visit www.syscomm.co.uk

About Madge Networks N.V.

Madge Networks N.V. (NASDAQ NM: MADGF) is a global supplier of advanced networking product solutions to large enterprises, and is the market leader in Token Ring. Madge Networks is pioneering next generation networking solutions, which enables the painless deployment of 100Mbps and Gigabit speed IP-based applications within existing corporate networks while protecting customers' investments in Token Ring. Madge Networks also has an associate company, Red-M™, a market leader in wireless networking solutions. The Company's main business centers are located in Wexham Springs, United Kingdom and New York. Information about Madge Networks' complete range of products and services can be accessed at www.Madge.com.

