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Cantono to Focus Exclusively on Data Centre Business.

Cantono is to sell its managed services businesses to Xploite in order to concentrate its business entirely on the provision of high quality data centre facilities.

The sale of the subsidiaries is subject to ratification at an extraordinary general meeting of Cantono's shareholders, which has been called for 15th December 2008.

Cantono Chief Executive Officer, Eamus Halpin Commented:

"The agreement reached with Xploite represents the best way of ensuring that both Cantono Data Centre Services on the one hand and Cantono Managed Services on the other receive the investment and the management focus that they need. As such it represents the best deal for Cantono shareholders, for our clients and for our employees."



A live module in the new Cantono Fareham Data Centre

The Data Centre.

In 2007 Cantono, recognising the growing shortage of high quality data centre space in the UK, took the strategic decision to invest in major new facilities. Accordingly, the site for the Fareham data centre, which will offer 80,000 square feet of usable data centre space on completion, was acquired in May 2008. By utilising IBM modular architecture progress has been rapid with the installation of the first live clients in September 2008, followed by the formal opening of the centre in November. With 15MW of power to allow full utilisation at 25kW per rack and by utilising the latest cooling technologies developed by IBM, the facility provides extremely high energy efficiency ratings.

Since announcing its opening, interest in the data centre has been highly encouraging. Cantono will sell and market its data centre collocation offerings via a number of business partners, including Xploite.

Halpin summarised the deal:

"I am confident we are ideally positioned, given the shortage of technologically advanced data centres in the South East, to provide economical, energy efficient and resilient facilities for the growing demand from users of blade servers and newly developed high computational systems. Consequently the decision to sell our Managed Services businesses is by far the best way of ensuring that both Data Centre Services and Managed Services Businesses can continue to keep pace with innovation and provide the services that our clients and partners need in the years to come."

For More information About Cantono and about the plans for the future of the company please contact Eamus Halpin on +44 (0) 20 7653 9000 or email info@cantono.com or visit www.cantonodc.com