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ABOUT Qnbn

With a mandate to enable accessible high-speed communications over a world-class fiber optic network, Qatar National Broadband Network Company (Qnbn) was established as a government-owned shareholding company.

In line with the Qatar ICT Strategy 2015, the Qatar National Broadband Plan launched by the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (MICT) and Qatar National Vision 2030, Qnbn aims to empower the nation with broadband fiber by providing citizens and businesses with access to more choice in selecting service operators for faster, next generation internet services.

As a key contributor to Qatar's advancement towards becoming a knowledge-economy, Qnbn aims to achieve maximum coverage at speeds of over 100 Mbit/s as it serves the wider digitization agenda of the country. Providing open and equal access to service providers, the next generation fiber optic network which is the alternative to copper will bring the community and enterprises the benefits of enhanced delivery of services, cost savings, increased competitiveness and improved sustainability.

Qnbn operates within the existing laws and under license conditions issued by the Communication Regulatory Authority.

For more info, please visit www.qnbn.qa

About MEEZA:

MEEZA, a Qatar Foundation joint venture, is an established end-to-end Managed IT Services & Solutions Provider based in Qatar with the mission of becoming the leading Managed IT Services & Solutions provider in the Middle East and North Africa. MEEZA is helping accelerate the growth of Qatar and the region through the provision of world-class Managed IT Services and Solutions. Additionally, MEEZA provides the

Qatar National Broadband Network (Qnbn) and MEEZA sign Strategic Partnership Agreement

Doha, Qatar (14 June 2014): Qatar National Broadband Network (Qnbn) has signed a strategic partnership agreement with MEEZA, a Qatar Foundation joint venture and leading provider of IT solutions and end-to-end services. The agreement will ensure greater differentiation for MEEZA's core retail services, such as disaster recovery, cloud data storage and data centers.

Qnbn's network connectivity will offer MEEZA passive fiber Point-to-Point (P2P) connectivity with dedicated and geo-redundant links will also cover operational aspects and periodic maintenance. The P2P network links directly to a central office through a dedicated fiber, offering distinct flexibility, cost-efficiency and high-volume symmetrical bandwidth when compared to shared medium networks. Qnbn's fiber optic infrastructure will connect MEEZA's main Data Centers (M-VAULT 1 and M-VAULT 3) in QSTP (Qatar Science and Technology Park) and M-VAULT 2 at Umm Qarn.

Ghada Philippe El-Rassi, Chief Executive Officer at MEEZA said, "Qnbn's network infrastructure will provide a national-level platform to drive the various ICT applications and advanced technologies employed today by MEEZA to provide end-to-end turnkey IT solutions further supporting the telecommunications sector in Qatar."

Qnbn's network infrastructure enables high-bandwidth services, including mobile backhaul to residential and business customers. The state-of-the-art network is expected to support the latest productivity applications, services and content.

Qatari people and others throughout the region with opportunities to undertake fulfilling careers in the IT industry.

MEEZA's offerings include Managed IT & Data Centre Services, Cloud Services, Consulting Services and Workplace Services. MEEZA has three Tier III certified data centers, known as M-VAULTS. MEEZA has also established a centralized Command & Control Centre (C3) that monitors and optimizes MEEZA services for clients. Coupled with this facility, MEEZA prides itself with having the first commercial Security Operations Centre (SOC) in Qatar. The SOC enables MEEZA to help its clients mitigate digital and cyber security threats. With a network of interconnected, highly resilient and geographically diverse data centers, MEEZA is uniquely positioned to offer disaster recovery and business continuity services to clients in Qatar and across the gulf region. Aside from these, MEEZA is also becoming a recognized systems integrator and is rapidly establishing its expertise in the area of Smart Cities.

MEEZA offers cost-effective IT solutions and services to help clients focus on their core business and scale rapidly. Delivering best in class IT security levels, MEEZA helps clients minimize business risk, reduce IT capital expenditure and speed up time-to-market for new initiatives.

To find out more, visit: www.meeza.net

Mohamed Ali Al-Mannai, Chief Executive Officer at Qnbn commented, “We are delighted to sign this agreement with a leading IT solution and service provider like MEEZA. This further reinforces Qnbn’s capabilities of providing cutting-edge private networks on an enterprise level”.

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