

Console Connect by PCCW Global and NEXTDC bring Australian businesses closer to the global cloud ecosystem

HKT (SEHK:6823) – HONG KONG, November 10, 2020 – Console Connect and NEXTDC, Australia’s leading data center solutions provider, today announced a new collaboration which expands access for Australian businesses to cloud infrastructure and data centers worldwide.

The collaboration unites PCCW Global’s Console Connect Network-as-a-Service (NaaS) platform and NEXTDC’s virtual interconnectivity platform, AXON, to simplify and strengthen connectivity for hybrid and multi-cloud environments.

Through direct interconnections with the automated Console Connect digital platform, which is available at NEXTDC’s S1 Sydney data center or via the AXON platform, customers can immediately begin self-provisioning secure, uncontended layer 2 connections among more than 350 data centers located in over 40 countries worldwide.

Once interconnected with the platform, NEXTDC customers can instantly access all major cloud providers with service coverage in Asia, the Americas, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Additionally, the platform facilitates direct access to key SaaS, IoT, carrier and IX partners including DE-CIX, RingCentral, Cloudflare, Anexia and others.

Direct interconnections with business critical applications hosted in the cloud are proven to improve network availability, performance and security.

This collaboration creates a new opportunity for existing Console Connect users to establish private and secure connections, on demand, to NEXTDC’s national data center network of nine facilities located in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Canberra. The AXON platform interconnects NEXTDC’s data center infrastructure, which houses the largest and most network-rich partner ecosystem in Australia. As Australia’s most cloud-connected data center provider, NEXTDC provides customers with greater choice and geo-diversity when it comes to interconnecting its data centers, clouds and ICT services, anywhere, anytime.

Both interconnection platforms exclusively use private and dedicated connections that are separate from the public Internet, delivering greater network speed, performance, reliability and security for customers. The Console Connect automated fabric makes use of PCCW Global’s industry-leading carrier IP backbone and MPLS network, which spans more than 3,000 cities and 160 countries worldwide.

Mr. Michael Glynn, Vice President of Digital Automated Innovation, PCCW Global, said, “Console Connect is excited to team up with NEXTDC to make our Network-as-a-Service interconnection platform available to more customers across Australia, who can enjoy a flexible and secure provisioning experience. Through the Console Connect ecosystem and our global network coverage, we will work with NEXTDC to bring Australian businesses closer to Asia and the rest of the world. Similarly, Console Connect users will enjoy seamless access across Australia by using the AXON platform.”

Console Connect offers pay-as-you-go pricing for on-demand bandwidth between Australia and key Asian markets such as Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore, and the platform is accessible via more than 55 data centers in 12 markets across Asia Pacific.

Mr. David Dzienciol, Chief Customer and Commercial Officer, NEXTDC, said, “Our customers are leaning on their digital infrastructure and networks more than ever. Ensuring they are securely and directly interconnected with the clouds and IT services that underpin their hybrid/multi-cloud strategy is a critical role NEXTDC plays. Teaming AXON with Console Connect’s Network-as-a-Service platform forms a powerful, globally available ecosystem that will deliver the reliable, secure and easy-to-manage interconnectivity that businesses are increasingly relying on.”

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About PCCW Global

PCCW Global is a leading international communications service provider, offering the latest mobility, voice and data solutions to multinational enterprises, telecommunications partners, cloud and application service providers. With a network footprint reaching over 3,000 cities in 160+ countries across 5 continents, our truly global coverage combined with local on-the-ground knowledge has helped us build best-in-class global connections linking Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East. Our network supports a portfolio of integrated communications services including connectivity, applications, and tailored solutions integrated and orchestrated by the Console Connect on-demand digital Software Defined Interconnection[®] platform, one of the first global platforms to fully automate switching and routing of all communications for seamless interconnection.

To learn more about PCCW Global, please visit www.pccwglobal.com.

About Console Connect

Console Connect is PCCW Global’s Software Defined Interconnection[®] platform which spans data centres in over 40 countries, capitalizing on our low latency, fully-redundant, uncontended global MPLS Network. The Console Connect digital platform allows users to instantly self-provision connectivity between carriers, enterprises, cloud, SaaS, IX, IoT, UCaaS, security-as-a-service and other network-as-a-service partners in seconds.

About NEXTDC

NEXTDC is an ASX-100 listed technology company and Asia’s most innovative Data Centre-as-a-Service provider. We are building the infrastructure platform for the digital economy, delivering the critical power, security and connectivity for global cloud computing providers, enterprise and government.

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NEXTDC is recognised globally for the design, construction, and operation of Australia's only network of Uptime Institute certified Tier IV facilities, and the only data centre operator in the Southern Hemisphere to achieve Tier IV Gold certification for Operational Sustainability. NEXTDC has a strong focus on sustainability and operational excellence through renewable energy sources and world-class operational best practice. Achieving a NABERS 5-star rating for energy efficiency, our data centres have been engineered to deliver the industry's lowest Total Cost of Operations.

NEXTDC as a company has been certified carbon neutral organization under the Australian Government's Carbon Neutral Initiative in line with National Climate Active program.

Our Cloud Centre partner ecosystem is Australia's most network-dense digital marketplace. Comprising >640 cloud providers, carrier networks and IT services providers, we enable the flexibility organisations need to source and interconnect with the critical services that underpin their hybrid environment, and scale their business seamlessly.

NEXTDC is *where the cloud lives*[®].

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