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NEC launches Next Gen Thin Client system in Australia

Australia, March 7, 2007 - NEC today announced the launch of a new Virtual PC-Class Thin Client System in Australia. The US100 is a next-generation thin client computing device which integrates seamlessly with NEC's leading edge VoIP technology and provides impressive video processing quality in the smallest thin client footprint.

The device is designed to achieve extensive multimedia performance through the employment of NetClient™, an advanced systems-on-a-chip solution that incorporates leading-edge technologies from NEC and ServerEngines™ LLC. The new system also features VMware Virtual Desktop Infrastructure pre-installed and pre-integrated with NEC systems through collaboration established under the VMware Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Alliance program.

Using NEC's Virtual PC-Class Thin Client System, enterprises large and small can experience true convergence of data, computing and telephony and realise substantial reductions in installation costs and enhanced functionality not previously available in the market.

"As broadband network access continues to surge in Australia, NEC believes the time is right for businesses to evolve from a PC-based computing model to a network-centric computing model," said Seán O'Halloran, NEC Business Solutions' Group General Manager. "Thin client computing allows extraordinary potential for advanced, organisation-wide information and communication applications. Even better, they come at significantly lower set-up costs and use far less power."

The breakthrough enhancements of the US100 include high audio and voice quality VoIP functions, high video processing performance, and a significant reduction in initial installation costs.

In addition to the robust security and mobility of Thin Client systems, the new offerings are able to deliver a business environment that utilises IP telephony and video that is comparable to that of an environment known to standard business PCs or rich clients but at a lower cost. NEC's US100 helps to reduce power consumption by more than 60 per cent as compared to conventional systems that employ business PCs.

The introduction of the Virtual PC-Class Thin Client System is a result of NEC's commitment to advancing next-generation network (NGN) technologies. This strategic initiative leverages NEC's unique capabilities in IT integration and networking technologies for a diverse customer base of government, business and consumers.

"VMware is excited to partner with NEC to deliver superior enterprise desktop manageability and control through virtualisation," said Diane Greene, President of VMware. "NEC's Virtual PC Centre offering is the result of collaboration under the VMware Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Alliance program and will facilitate the deployment of virtual desktops with our joint customers."

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NEC Australia is a provider of superior, affordable products, services and solutions to carriers, business, government and consumers. As a leader in the development of broadband and mobile communications technologies, NEC Australia's strong sales and service focus has propelled the company to the forefront of a new era in communications. Through the provision of new technologies such as plasma displays, data projectors and high-speed broadband connections, NEC Australia also drives innovation into the home. Boasting the largest Research and Development facility in Australia, NEC's commitment to innovation and continued expansion into export markets remains unrivalled. As well as undertaking leading R & D in DSL technologies and third-generation (3G) mobile terminals, NEC Australia's broadband business, Nextep broadband, delivers business grade DSL services for SMEs, corporates and government. For additional information, please visit the NEC Australia or Nextep websites at www.nec.com.au and www.nextep.com.au.

About NEC Business Solutions

NEC Business Solutions is a leading provider of end-to-end voice, data and video solutions for business and government. The company utilises its expertise in IP telephony, contact centres and managed services, and strong partnerships with other leading companies to provide innovative and affordable business solutions. NEC Business Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of NEC Australia.

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