## **Press Release**

## **Global Voice Announces Major German University Contract**

# Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt puts its money on the Global Voice Group

**Singapore, 8 April 2005:** Singapore listed Global Voice Group (GV) today announced it has been awarded a 15-year contract to deliver a managed fibre network solution to the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt. When implemented the GV solution will provide the University's 35,000 students and 3,000 staff with high-speed broadband access to a wide variety of multimedia applications including, Internet access, videoconferencing and high-speed data exchange. The University, which extends across greater Frankfurt and covers four campuses including Bockenheim, Riedberg, Westend and Niederrad also utilise GV's dense metropolitan network across the region.

Under the agreement, the University of Frankfurt will become one of the first universities in Germany to use CWDM (Coarse Wave Division Multiplexing) to transfer data across multiple campuses. As explained by Dr. Stefan Glückert, Director of the University Data Centre "here in the University of Frankfurt, as in all universities, the quantum of voice and data transfer is constantly increasing. This is been driven by a number of factors, such as the constant growth in students numbers attending Universities, an ever growing requirement for information to be available online, rapidly increasing usage by students and staff in research institutes to webcast experiments live, and an increasing requirement by training hospitals to show their students parts of surgeries online and in real time"

"These were just some of were the reasons that Frankfurt University selected a managed fibre service from GV as having transmission rates of between 155 Mbps and 10 Gbps means that we can now run new applications as we need."

### Investing in the Future

Under the contract it is not just the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University that will benefits from GV's network.

The Technical University of Darmstadt and the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz are now also connected by the powerful data channels. The solution provided by GV's managed fibre ring is 70 kilometres long and extremely fail-safe: thanks to the ring architecture, information can be transmitted to the destination in either direction.

"In universities, in particular, more and more data is being transferred over the telephone line or via computers. Our old network simply could not cope with the volume of information, which is why we decided to implement the Managed Fibre Solution from GV. Our staff and students now have broadband access to the newest multimedia applications. This includes not just e-mail and Internet, but also video-conferencing or real-time transmissions from an operating theatre", explains Dr. Stefan Glückert, Director of the University Data Centre of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt.

"Since its inception, the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University has stood for education, research and innovation. The use of the latest technologies like GV's Metropolitan Area Network is, of course, almost a logical consequence", says Albrecht W. Kraas, European IP Director of GV. "Fast data transfer is guaranteed with the GV network – regardless of what is involved: telephony or information exchange between the high performing servers of the Centre for Scientific Computing of the University."

### **Global Voice Group**

Global Voice (GV) was formed in 2002 and listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange in 2004 through the reverse takeover of Horizon Education & Technologies. GV owns and manages its own fibre optic networks and duct infrastructure across 14 European metropolises. These include are Munich, Berlin, Stuttgart, Hanover, Hamburg, Dublin, Düsseldorf, Cologne, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague, Utrecht, London and Frankfurt.

GV's core business is the provision of Business Continuity and Information Management solutions to the regulated industries whereby GV supplies its customer's with end-to-end storage solutions that fulfil all legal, financial and operational requirements. GV's services include online data storage, backup and recovery, date e archiving, and Content Management Services.

GV's financial headquarter are in Singapore and its European head office is located in Frankfurt, Germany. In addition, GV has sales branches and design offices in Amsterdam, Berlin, Dublin and Stuttgart. GV's customers include, numerous German banking institutions, Cable & Wireless, , KLM and the City of Rotterdam. Further information can be found on the Internet at <u>www.globalvoice.com</u>.

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