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High-security, green solution for Australian business: PM launches $60million data centre

Prime Minister Julia Gillard today unveiled Australia's most advanced high security data centre, Macquarie Telecom's (ASX: MAQ) Intellicentre 2 in Sydney.

"We are witnessing a generational shift away from in-house IT infrastructure and services, to the use of shared services through the cloud. This will unlock capital and create opportunities for Australian business," said Macquarie Telecom MD, Hosting Aidan Tudehope.

"The $60 million, 20,000 square metre facility is the solution to rising IT and power costs for Australian businesses.

"Intellicentre 2 (IC2) is the answer for businesses that want to reduce their carbon footprint and their power bill, safe in the knowledge that their data is secure in an Australian-owned and based facility," Mr Tudehope said.

"The National Broadband Network and carbon pricing policy are key drivers for this investment. These policies are changing the way Australian businesses think about IT and, in particular, cloud computing.

"Cloud computing is more reliable, more scalable, more affordable and more energy efficient but it is nothing without an efficient broadband network," Mr Tudehope said.

"Very few businesses are able to protect their assets and data to the level of IC2. Our data halls are secured with mantraps only accessible with a fingerprint scan, a security code and a pass. The foyer glass is ballistic grade and the gates can stop a speeding car. The facility meets critical levels of information security in Australia, including ASIO T4 "Intruder Resistant".

"Further, IC2 was the first data centre in Australia to be certified to Uptime Institute's Tier III Design Certification. Achieving this international benchmark sets IC2 apart from other data centres when it comes to resiliency and reliability. Every aspect of the facility has been built with uptime top of mind."

"IC2 offers business a credible green alternative with innovations in heating, cooling and lighting able to deliver a power usage effectiveness ratio of less than 1.3. Once operating at capacity, it will be one of the most energy efficient data centres in Australia. That means we can power and cool a server more cost effectively than what businesses can do themselves."

The $60million investment in IC2 is a companion investment to the NBN. The NBN gave Macquarie Telecom the confidence to build this project in Australia because it means data can be moved around more efficiently.

NSW Industry and Investment's vision in promoting NSW as a globally competitive digital hub has been a significant contribution to the development of IC 2. NSW Government's investment in this industry supports the growing reputation of NSW as an ICT hub and fuels growth in technologies that support a progressive digital future for Australia.

News Ltd is among the site's anchor tenants. IC2 will offer a full range of services including co-location (where a business rents space for its servers); managed dedicated hosting, cloud computing and Defense Signals Directorate (DSD) Gateway services.

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