**Atos partners with Australia Post to empower the ‘Post of the Future’**

*Australia Post has signed new agreement with Atos to further increase operational efficiencies of its postal operations*

**DALLAS, 11 May 2016** — Atos, an international leader in digital services, today announced that it has signed a new multi-year agreement with Australia Post to support its efforts to expand the automation capabilities of its letters business. With this new agreement, Atos will extend the reach of its already deployed Open Recognition System, to support the reform of Australia Post’s letters business by providing greater operational efficiencies.

“Growing demand for digital methods of communication, resulting in changing consumer and business behavior, along with declining mail volumes are critical factors driving the reform of our letters business. Our focus is on making the necessary changes to our letters business to ensure that we can continue to deliver a world class service,” said Andrew Howlett, General Manager Postal Services for Australia Post. “To this end, we have extended our partnership with Atos to further leverage its automated postal solutions and help us obtain greater operational efficiencies in this changing environment.”

Atos successfully rolled out its first Open Recognition System at Australia Post in 2008 for the identification of small letters, and further extended the program for parcels in 2014. The Atos solution offers postal operators the flexibility to plug-and-play different modules with different vendors for processing all types of mail – and establishes a platform for continuous improvement without reliance on a single vendor.

For Australia Post’s parcel operations, Atos’ Open Recognition System processes images from multi-product and large parcel sorters deployed at the Melbourne and Sydney parcel facilities. Through the use of Atos’ solution, Australia Post’s parcel processing capacity at these facilities has more than doubled.

Now, with the new agreement, Atos will utilize the latest automation technologies to improve the recognition performance for small and large letters, while also adding new capabilities to support the next generation of mail processing equipment.

“Since 2008, Australia Post has led the world in deploying vendor-independent systems allowing them to be more agile in this changing environment,” said Shahrom Kiani, General Manager for Atos Postal Solutions. “This investment has uniquely positioned Australia Post to enjoy the benefits of operational excellence as well as equipped them to more aptly address the challenges of the digital world. We are proud that they have selected Atos as their continued technology partner in this critical transformation effort.”

**About Atos**

Atos SE (Societas Europaea) is a leader in digital services with pro forma annual revenue of circa € 12 billion and circa 100,000 employees in 72 countries. Serving a global client base, the Group provides Consulting & Systems Integration services, Managed Services & BPO, Cloud operations, Big Data & Cyber-security solutions, as well as transactional services through Worldline, the European leader in the payments and transactional services industry. With its deep technology expertise and industry knowledge, the Group works with clients across different business sectors: Defense, Financial Services, Health, Manufacturing, Media, Utilities, Public sector, Retail, Telecommunications, and Transportation.

Atos is focused on business technology that powers progress and helps organizations to create their firm of the future. The Group is the Worldwide Information Technology Partner for the Olympic & Paralympic Games and is listed on the Euronext Paris market. Atos operates under the brands Atos, Atos Consulting, Atos Worldgrid, Bull, Canopy, Unify and Worldline.

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