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AZZURRI COMMUNICATIONS RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING COMPANIES IN THE UK & IRELAND.

Azzurri Communications ranked 45 in the 2007 Deloitte Buyout Track 100.

Newbury, UK, 19 February 2007: Leading converged business voice and data company, Azzurri Communications today announced that it has been ranked 45 in the inaugural Deloitte Buyout Track 100, a new league table of the UK's 100 private equity-backed mid-market companies with the fastest growing profits (EBITDA) over two years. Rankings are based on growth in EBITDA over their latest two-years.

"Our placement in the Deloitte Buyout Track 100 is fantastic news for everyone at Azzurri and we are delighted to have the endorsement of an internationally respected company such as Deloitte," comments Martin St Quinton, CEO, Azzurri Communications. "This research shows the success that companies such as Azzurri have had in Britain and further backs up Azzurri's commitment to excellence and growth."

Azzurri's placement in the Buyout Track 100, is the latest in a long line of achievements for Azzurri, including; Microsoft Tech Track 100 in 2004 and 2005, the Microsoft Tech Track 100 Best Management Team award in 2005 and the Deloitte Fast 50 and PricewaterhouseCoopers Profit Track in 2006.

Formed in June 2000, Azzurri Communications is one of the largest converged voice, data, and managed service companies in the UK. Since 2000, it has made 16 acquisitions including DVH Group, MiTech Group and Sirocom, in October last year. Azzurri itself was acquired by PPM Capital, the private equity arm of Prudential plc, for a cash consideration of £182.5 million in June 2006.

Buyout Track 100 companies make a substantial contribution to the economy. Together, they employ 96,000 people and improved their profits by an annual average of 37% over the past two years to reach a total of £1.1 billion in their latest accounting periods.

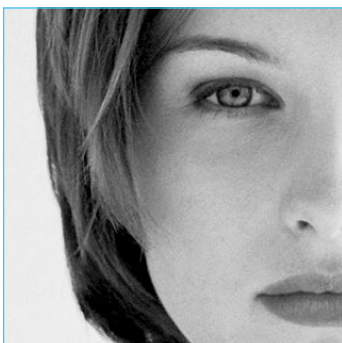
This is the first year The Sunday Times Deloitte Buyout Track 100 has been published. It is compiled by Oxford-based research and networking events company Fast Track. Companies have to be registered in the UK, be independent, unquoted and ultimate holding companies. At least 20% of a company's shares have to be owned by a private equity fund or venture capital firm.

ABOUT AZZURRI COMMUNICATIONS

Formed in June 2000, Azzurri Communications is one of the largest converged voice, data, and managed service companies in the UK. Annualised turnover is in excess of £150 million. There are circa 900 employees worldwide. Headquartered in Newbury, UK, Azzurri currently has sales and support operations in Fareham, High Wycombe, Kingston, Weybridge, Birmingham, Burnley, Hull, Leeds, East Kilbride, Los Angeles and Sydney.

Partnering with leading manufacturers and networks, Azzurri provides solutions that include voice, data, networking, digital print and mobile. Azzurri also provides consultancy such as in-depth communications audits for large corporations and comprehensive telecoms management services.

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