

Swedish company builds Africa's most modern data center in Rwanda

- Signs an order of USD 5 m for development project

Coromatic, Sweden based experts in IT continuity, has signed a contract to deliver a data center to Rwanda. As part of the reconstruction of the country's infrastructure following the 1994 Genocide and the realization of the country's Vision 2020, the Government of Rwanda, through the Rwanda Development Board, IT Section (RDB/IT), has decided to install a data center to serve the Rwandan government as well as businesses in the region. The data center will be used to store and backup important information with a high level of security.

The USD 5 million contract from RDB/IT covers the delivery of a comprehensive data center, including power, cooling and communication. The first of its kind in the East Africa Region, the center will rank as a high density center according international security standards. This makes it one of the safest in Africa.

The construction of the National Data Center in the capital Kigali is part of the Rwandan government's program to develop high tech services within Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). The objective is to diversify the economy and reduce the dependency on agriculture, transforming Rwanda to a knowledge based economy. The project is co-financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), which has supported the country since 1994.

"This is a very special moment for IT in Rwanda and the whole region. This initiative is one of the many programs the government has put in place as the country positions itself as the region's ICT hub. We are going to be the first country in the region to have this type of data center. We are also working around the clock to increase the bandwidth to address connectivity problems", said Prof. Romain Murenzi, Minister in the President's Office in charge of Science and Technology.

The data center will connect and allow secure access to information from government offices, health and education sectors as well as the socio-economic data of the country. In addition, both the Rwandan government and neighboring countries can back up their data on the Rwandan system. A commercial area will be provided for companies and NGO's that would wish to back up their information.

"We are delighted about this project and we look forward to delivering Africa's most modern data center to Rwanda. We are certain that the new data center will benefit both public development projects and private entrepreneurs in the region", said Mats Waxin, CEO of Coromatic.

The project will commence immediately to be finalized in December 2009. Coromatic estimates to have 50 employees in Kigali for the project.

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About RDB/IT

The Government of Rwanda set up the Rwanda Information Technology Authority (RITA), now called Rwanda Development Board, IT Section (RDB/IT), as a high powered Think-Tank with the mission to lead the process of creating the Rwanda information society and developing the economy in line with the aspirations of the Vision for Rwanda. It will be responsible for advising the Government on all matters relating to how best Rwanda can formulate, develop and implement its ICT policies, strategies and plans to speed up the process of transforming Rwanda into an information-rich, knowledge-based society and economy.. RITA was created in 2002 by an act of Parliament. This act was modified and approved by the Parliament in October 2006.