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## **Belgacom International Carrier Services Awarded Best Wholesale Carrier**

***Belgacom International Carrier Services (Belgacom ICS) has been named “Best Wholesale Carrier” at the World Communication Awards 2008 event held in London on 26 November 2008***

Every year the world of telecoms unites to celebrate the best in every sector. This year the World Communication Awards celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In September the list of finalists for the 16 categories of the coveted awards was published, and yesterday evening Belgacom ICS was revealed as the winning candidate for the “Best Wholesale Carrier” award. In addition Belgacom ICS also received the accolade of “Highly Commended” Best International Carrier.

Runners up for the “Best Wholesale Carrier” award were: AT&T Wholesale, BT Wholesale, iBasis, Tata Communications and TeliaSonera International Carrier.

Belgacom ICS was chosen by an independent panel of judges who commented that Belgacom ICS has shown consistent growth in difficult wholesale market conditions. It was also stated that Belgacom ICS delivered “innovative services, good stats and growth figures, excellent testimonials”. Several judges pointed to “great customer testimonials” while other panelists noted a “well executed” joint-venture with Swisscom and a “strong financial performance”.

### **About Belgacom ICS**

Belgacom International Carrier Services S.A./NV (Belgacom ICS) is a leading global carrier of voice, data and value added services to more than 500 wireless, wireline and service providers through sales offices in Brussels, Bern, Dubai, Singapore and New York. Belgacom ICS is at the forefront of the international communications industry, acting as a catalyst for growth, both in terms of traffic and reach. The company aims to enable global interworking across all networks, technologies and services. As a result of this approach and the joint venture with Swisscom ICS, Belgacom International Carrier Services is now one of the largest wholesale voice carriers and a world leader in data transit services.

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