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Exponential-e to connect to BME London hubs

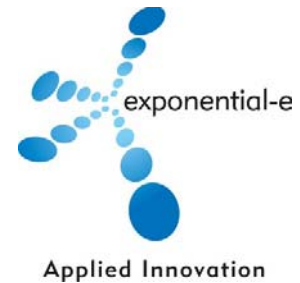
BME, the Spanish Exchange, announced today that Exponential-e, the specialist provider of fully managed end to end Ethernet solutions and access provider to a number of leading financial exchanges, will provide connectivity to its two hubs in London.

BME, through its IT subsidiary Visual Trader, opened last year two access points in London. These two gateways allow market participants located in London to access the BME's markets cost-effectively and easily, as the gateway provides connectivity between London and Madrid. Optimisation of the route has reduced one-way latency to approximately 14 milliseconds.

Exponential-e's financial network is optimised for high-frequency trading. It connects directly into key Exchanges, ECNs, Brokers and trading platforms. Exponential-e's presence in both data centres in which BME Hubs are located, allows Exponential-e's customers to interconnect to BME with a simple cross-connect. Additionally, last-mile connectivity between the customer premises and Exponential-e PoPs is offered at low cost.

Jose Parga, Managing Director of BME Visual Trader, said: "We are pleased to have Exponential-e as partner to allow market participants in London to take advantage of cost-effective access to BME markets with a short time to market. With the Spanish markets becoming increasingly competitive and with the influx of foreign market participants, we believe that this is an excellent opportunity for investment and trading firms to access our markets."

Lee Wade, Chief Executive at Exponential-e, said: "We are delighted to announce our partnership with BME, which will enable fast, low latency access to the Spanish Financial Exchanges across Exponential-e's network, which is optimised for financial trading customers. The move will further boost our access choices for new and existing customers."



About Exponential-e

Exponential-e is serious about business, business-only networks and being the best in the business. So our founding philosophy was and remains simple; to build the premier network to support UK enterprises that are equally serious about their business.

Since our foundation (2002), we have adopted the policies and the leading edge engineering technologies that offer UK companies resilience, speed, control and versatility – the prerequisites for a non-stop compute network platform. In order to achieve this, we took network engineering decisions with only corporate clients in mind. Most importantly, we insisted that no consumer broadband traffic would disrupt our network's resilience and have any impact on our clients' business. This is a peerless and crucial differentiator to achieving the optimum up-time and low latencies required for your business.

VPLS is now the cornerstone of our Smart Wires® approach to cloud computing – both private and public cloud applications where we can offer the important end-to-end SLAs to support your cloud applications. Our VPLS experience is peerless and invaluable when it comes to meeting the design objectives for the most complex networks.

Today, we have 1,000 blue chip corporate clients and a balance sheet worthy of Dun & Bradstreet's coveted No.1 credit status. We offer old fashioned quality of service sustained and supported by world-class leading edge network solutions.

About BME

Bolsas y Mercados Españoles (BME) is the operator of all stock Markets and financial systems in Spain. BME has been a listed company since 14 July 2006 and an IBEX 35® constituent since July 2007. In the last few years it has become a reference in the sector in terms of solvency, efficiency and profitability.

BME is a high technological company with a highly skilled workforce. It has the know-how and resources necessary to offer a wide range of services, products and advanced trading and global market access systems to issuers, intermediaries and investors, whether in Spain or elsewhere.