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Exponential growth forecast in the financial sector

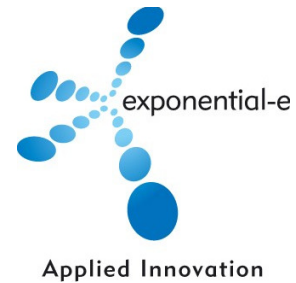
Exponential-e, the next-generation-network provider, based in the City of London, today announced it has become an accredited member of the European Partner programme run by Level 3 Communications. The appointment, as a Level 3 "European Master Reseller", follows the launch of Exponential-e's 'Gold Standard' financial trading infrastructure.

Exponential-e's financial network is optimised for high-frequency trading. It connects directly into key Exchanges, ECNs, Brokers and trading platforms and makes crucial market connectivity - a simple cross-connect away. The service includes a "multicast" feature which broadcasts financial trading data to servers and matching engines simultaneously and eliminates unnecessary delay in transmission times.

Exponential-e provides access to multiple high demand asset classes, instruments and venues. Now, with the entry of Exponential-e to the Level 3 European Partner Programme, Exponential-e is able to provide a wide range of Level 3 connectivity solutions that span Europe and North America.

Lee Wade, Managing Director of Exponential-e, said "Our new express routes provide the shortest open path for trading currency pairs and therefore the lowest latencies available. We offer roundtrip speeds between London and New York of 68ms and between Chicago and New York of 17.4ms". Lee went on to say "Our directly connected model means services can be enabled within days. Multiple feeds can be directly delivered into black box architecture at wire-speed".

Scalability, low latency, speed of implementation, flexibility and the ability to access a wide range of trading instruments are paramount to today's financial institutions. This new relationship with Level 3 extends Exponential-e's compelling



range of solutions and options across Europe and North America enabling Exponential-e to provide transatlantic financial network based solutions.

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About Exponential-e

Exponential-e's 'Gold Standard' trading infrastructure has been specifically optimised to support FX and multi-asset class algo-trading operations and platforms. The Next Generation Network service provider has addressed the need for a global network optimised for electronic trading and provides access to multiple high demand asset classes, instruments and venues. Exponential-e selects the fastest and newest available fibre routes into each FX market using state-of-the-art technology – to avoid the legacy network build commonplace in the rest of the industry. As a result it delivers the lowest latencies available as a result of its single-hop architecture which connects directly to matching engines. Exponential-e Finance is the financial markets arm of Exponential-e Ltd. For more information go to our website at www.finance.exponential-e.com

About Level 3 Communications

Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: LVL3) is a leading international provider of fiber-based communications services. Enterprise, content, wholesale and government customers rely on Level 3 to deliver services with an industry-leading combination of scalability and value over an end-to-end fiber network. Level 3 offers a portfolio of metro and long-haul services, including transport, data, Internet, content delivery and voice. For more information, visit www.Level3.com.