

Level 3 Further Reduces Carbon Footprint with Five German Data Centres Now Powered by Renewable Energy

LONDON, March 8, 2012 - Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NYSE: LVT) today announced that its five German colocation data centres are now powered by 100 per cent renewable energy. Level 3 also operates colocation data centres in London that run 100 per cent on green energy sources.

The five German facilities are located in Berlin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich. This enables Level 3 to reduce its CO₂ emissions for the five facilities – in 2012 alone – by approximately 29,400 tonnes, which is equivalent to the CO₂ absorption of some 245,000 trees.

Level 3's contract with Germany's CLENS (Clean Energy Sourcing, www.clen.eu), a clean energy provider certified by the TÜV international certification organisation, is the first agreement of its kind in the country.

The initiative represents Level 3's ongoing drive to provide efficient and reliable data centre colocation services, and its commitment to the environment. Certifications confirming that Level 3's five major data centres in Germany are powered solely by renewable energy are available and displayed in the reception area of each colocation facility.

"While many data centre service providers in Germany have made an effort to improve their carbon footprint, Level 3 has taken the initiative to run all of its colocation facilities on energy from renewable sources," said James Heard, regional president of EMEA for Level 3. "It's a well-known fact that data centres consume significant energy resources around the clock to ensure data security and availability, as well as speed. With several European colocation facilities running solely on green energy, Level 3 is proving that an environmentally responsible approach can be combined with service reliability and cost-effectiveness."

For more information on Level 3's advanced network and service offerings, visit www.level3.com.

About Level 3 Communications

Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NYSE: LVT) is a premier global provider of IP-based communications services to enterprise, content, government and wholesale customers. Over its reliable, scalable and secure network, Level 3 delivers integrated IP solutions, including converged, data, voice, video and managed solutions to help enable customers' growth and efficiency. Level 3 operates a unique global services platform anchored by owned fiber networks on three continents in more than 45 countries, connected by extensive undersea facilities. Level

3 services are provided by subsidiaries of Level 3 Communications, Inc. For more information, visit www.level3.com.

Website Access to Company Information

Level 3 maintains a corporate website at www.level3.com, and you can find additional information about the company through the Investors pages on that website at <http://lvlt.client.shareholder.com/>. Level 3 uses its website as a channel of distribution of important information about the company. Level 3 routinely posts financial and other important information regarding the company and its business, financial condition and operations on the Investor Relations web pages.

Visitors to the Investors Relations web pages can view and print copies of Level 3's SEC filings, including periodic and current reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K, as soon as reasonably practicable after those filings are made with the SEC.

Copies of the charters for each of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Governance committees of Level 3's Board of Directors, its Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Ethics, press releases and analysts and investor conference presentations are all available through the Investor Relations web pages.

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Forward-Looking Statement

Some statements made in this press release are forward-looking in nature and are based on management's current expectations or beliefs. These forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of performance and are subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside Level 3's control, which could cause actual events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the statements. Important factors that could prevent Level 3 from achieving its stated goals include, but are not limited to, the company's ability to: successfully integrate the Global Crossing acquisition or otherwise realize the anticipated benefits thereof; manage risks associated with continued uncertainty in the global economy; obtain additional financing, particularly in the event of disruptions in the financial markets; manage continued or accelerated decreases in market pricing for communications services; maintain and increase traffic on its network; develop and maintain effective business support systems; manage system and network failures or disruptions; develop new services that meet customer demands and generate

acceptable margins; adapt to rapid technological changes that could adversely affect the company's competitiveness; defend intellectual property and proprietary rights; obtain capacity for its network from other providers and interconnect its network with other networks on favorable terms; attract and retain qualified management and other personnel; successfully integrate future acquisitions; effectively manage political, legal, regulatory, foreign currency and other risks it is exposed to due to its substantial international operations; mitigate its exposure to contingent liabilities; and meet all of the terms and conditions of its debt obligations. Additional information concerning these and other important factors can be found within Level 3's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Statements in this press release should be evaluated in light of these important factors. Level 3 is under no obligation to, and expressly disclaims any such obligation to, update or alter its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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