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## TECHNOLOGY SERVICES GROUP CONTINUES EXPANSION IN NORTH WEST

Technology Services Group Ltd (TSG) continues its expansion in the North West with the acquisition of AC Computer Services Ltd (AC Computers), the Wigan-based IT service and support business. The acquisition is the fifteenth for the group since its inception in October 2003, and the second in three weeks in the North West region, continuing TSG's activity in establishing UK-wide IT service and solutions provision for small and medium sized businesses.

AC Computers, established in 1989, specialises in IT networked solutions covering consultancy, supply and support for both hardware and software. Founder Neil Chorley joins TSG as Business Manager from the Wigan base, and all 14 staff will continue to service TSG's substantial numbers of SME customers in the region. As an established Sage Solution Centre the team of engineers has extensive experience in the full range of Sage software, including custom modules for the construction, engineering, manufacturing and distribution sectors.

Simon Cook (Regional Managing Director, TSG North West) said: 'This is our second acquisition in a matter of weeks, further strengthening our position as the leading IT service provider in the North West with the addition of 150 customers across Lancashire. Apart from Sage product expertise, AC Computers has particular strengths in ISP infrastructure, including email and web hosting, which will allow us to offer an increasingly comprehensive service to our customers throughout the North West.'

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Neil Chorley said: 'AC Computers has concentrated on providing a wide range of IT services to local businesses over the past 15 years, giving companies the benefit of dealing with just one supplier. As a part of TSG we can continue with this service but with the advantage of an even broader product range, thanks to the resources of the group.'

The acquisition process was overseen by Newcastle-based legal firm Sintons LLP on behalf of TSG, working with corporate finance organisation UNW. Chris Welch, Corporate Partner at Sintons LLP commented: 'Having assisted with the acquisition of TSG's foundation business, Joynsons, in 2003, and a number of subsequent acquisitions since then, we're delighted to be involved with this current expansion which continues to reflect the group's rapid national growth.'

TSG now employs 450 staff across the UK, has an annualised turnover in excess of £39 million and provides IT solutions and services to more than 10,000 small and medium sized businesses nationwide, from Basingstoke in the south, to Aberdeen in the north.

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