

## IS QATAR THE SILICON VALLEY OF THE MIDDLE EAST?

**July 12, 2009 (Doha);** MEEZA, the Qatar-based managed IT services and solutions provider has been named as the main Cloud Services provider within the Middle East and North Africa region by the world's leading i-technology media company.

SYS-CON's Cloud Computing Journal lists the 150 most active players in cloud computing, expanding its list of 100 they identified in January of this year to half as many again – testimony to the growth of cloud services globally.

Cloud Services are consumer and business products, services and solutions that are delivered and consumed in real-time over the Internet. Cloud Services give businesses access to robust IT infrastructure and the latest applications without having to bear the high costs of ownership and maintenance.

Scott E. MacKenzie, CEO of MEEZA said “We’re delighted to be recognised as the main provider of cloud services in MENA by such a reputable source as SYS-CON. The important role that Information Technology will play in the continued growth and success of Qatar and the region is widely recognised. In particular, the business sector will need access to world class infrastructure, applications and services to support the fast pace of growth and innovation. These are needs that MEEZA is aiming to meet and cloud services are just one of the many Managed IT services and solutions we can offer to our clients to help them rapidly scale their business.”

MEEZA's clients in Qatar currently benefiting from its IT services include Vodafone Qatar , DOHALAND, the Ministry of Environment and Masraf Al Rayan.

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Notes to Editors:

**About MEEZA:**

MEEZA, a Qatar Foundation joint venture, is a managed IT Services and Solutions provider that offers a wide range of services to clients, from creating and managing IT infrastructure to providing technology consulting. It is seeking to support the growth of Qatar and the region through the provision of world-class Managed IT Services and Solutions to the market.

M-VAULT 1, MEEZA's Tier 3 Data Centre is located at a highly secure location and delivers 99.98% availability, the highest levels of availability offered from any commercial Data Centre in Qatar. Additional Data Centres are being established in Qatar which will uniquely position MEEZA as a provider of Cloud Services across the region.

In the immediate future MEEZA will focus on building a strong presence in Qatar, but as its capacity and reputation grow, it will expand across the Middle East and North Africa region, operating both independently and through partners.

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