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100 Days Countdown to Beijing 2008 Olympic Games: First Technical Rehearsal Successfully Completed

Beijing, 30 April, 2008 - Atos Origin, the Worldwide IT Partner of the Olympic Games, announced with BOCOG Technology today that the first of two technical rehearsals has been successfully completed for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. The success of the rehearsal is a strong demonstration of the readiness of the technology staff, systems and operational procedures for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, especially at the milestone 100 days countdown.

During the 3-day rehearsal, more than 100 pre-defined operational scenarios were carried out, covering IT systems, communications, IT security and press operations. More than 600 people, including technology professionals from BOCOG, Atos Origin, other Technology Partners, and stakeholders such as Beijing Olympic Broadcasting (BOB) and the official website of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, participated in the rehearsal operated in real Games time conditions.

The technical rehearsal is a critical step in the preparation for the Games and is designed to ensure that the technology staff, systems and procedures are operating as effectively as possible. The first of two technical rehearsals for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, known as Technical Rehearsal 1 (TR1), simulated the busiest three days of the Olympic Games to test the operational readiness of the technology support team as well as their ability to work together and handle situations that may occur during the Olympic Games. In particular, TR1 tested areas such as knowledge of operational procedures, communication between support teams and interaction with key customers and stakeholders. Any areas for improvement identified in TR1 will be incorporated into a second and final Technical Rehearsal, which will take place in June 2008, so as to ensure utmost readiness for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

In comparison with previous Olympic Games, TR1 for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games differs in the following three aspects:

- **Number and involvement of participants:** The number of 600 participants for TR1 for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games nearly equals the number of participants in the second and final technical rehearsal phrase (TR2) of the Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games. Furthermore, all participants for TR1 played their roles in a manner as if it were actual Games' time, a feat usually achieved only in TR2.
- **Number of customers:** Apart from technology professionals, a significant number of stakeholders were involved in the TR1, such as Beijing Olympic Broadcasting (BOB) and the official website of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, etc.

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- **Number of sports:** More sports were involved In TR1 for the Beijing Olympic Games than in previous games. In Beijing, a total of 30 sports were involved, whereas for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, only 24 sports participated in the TR1.

In addition, four competition venues participated in the TR1 for the Beijing Olympic Games, exceeding the previous Games in scale. Based on the on-the-ground situation in Beijing, Atos Origin joined hands with BOCOG Technology to adjust the organizing model of the TR1 so as to achieve optimal results. This won high regards from the International Olympic Committee as well as all other Technology Partners.

Yang Yichun, Director of BOCOG Technology said, "With 100 days to go before the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, we are pleased to see that Technical Rehearsal 1 has been successfully completed. As the Worldwide IT Partner and the information system integrator for the Olympic Games and with its rich experience accumulated over the years, Atos Origin has played the leading role in organizing TR1, worked closely with all other Technology Partners, and contributed significantly to its success. We are confident that by building on the great success of TR1 and the test events, and with all parties working closely and effectively as one team, we are now one step closer to achieving the ultimate success of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games."

"We achieved our objectives for TR1." said Jeremy Hore, Chief Integrator, Beijing 2008 Olympic Games of Atos Origin. "The entire technology team was fully involved, the simulated competition and scenarios were successfully completed, and knowledge of operational procedures has been greatly increased. Not only did we identify areas of improvement, we have also gained a better understanding of the support required during the Games. All these are key to the success in August"

The Atos Origin contract with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is the largest sports-related IT contract covering: Salt Lake City in 2002 (operating as SchlumbergerSema); Athens in 2004; Torino in 2006; Beijing in 2008; Vancouver in 2010; and London in 2012. Atos Origin has primary responsibility for Information Technology, relating to IT consulting, systems integration, operations management, information security and software applications development for the Olympic Games.

About Atos Origin

Atos Origin is an international information technology services company. Its business is turning client vision into results through the application of consulting, systems integration and managed operations. The company's annual revenues are EUR 5.8 billion and it employs 50,000 people in 40 countries. In Greater China region, Atos Origin has been present for over 10 years and currently employs 1,000 people in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Taiwan, focusing on an end-to-end service model to "design, build and operate" IT solutions for key clients in such industries as finance, discrete manufacturing,

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