



THE ALLIED ENGINEERING GROUP announces they are trusting SONEMA to connect their Datacenter

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Lebanese group AEG asks SONEMA to strengthen network performance by connecting their datacentre in Cyprus.

AEG, specialist in SWIFT service environment and banking solutions, wish to enhance the capacity of their African network by strengthening connectivity for their datacentre based in Cyprus. SONEMA, who already operate AEG's satellite network, was able to propose a hybrid solution tailored to the customer's requirements.

SONEMA installed an international MPLS link with a data transfer rate of 1Mbps between the AEG datacenter in Cyprus and the SONEMA technical hub based in Frejus (Department 83- France). This connection allowed AEG to connect the datacentre to their client base with a high-rate of availability, and to strengthen the resilience of their network infrastructure. SONEMA also configured AEG's Cisco routing equipment within this new network environment.

Following the project's deployment, AEG now has a comprehensive network which allows them to connect their datacenters in 4 countries of the EMEA region with maximum availability to customers. AEG can also rely on the supervision and maintenance services offered by SONEMA'S Network Operating Center, which is known for high-quality and proactive service. This new infrastructure will also enable SONEMA to offer AEG's banking services to their existing customer base.

Tarek M. El Harakeh, SWIFT Service Bureau Manager at AEG: *"As a solution and service provider continuously seeking state-of-the-art technologies, AEG utilizes SONEMA's hybrid connectivity service as a trusted source of reliable and secure connection. Making use of SONEMA's services allows us to satisfy the needs of a wider range of clientele, especially those with weak and limited connection capability to SWIFT and to the Service Bureau. We regard our partnership with SONEMA as an added value for both parties due to the vast exchange of knowledge and expertise."*

Catherine Delom, SONEMA'S Managing Director: *« We are delighted with this new service roll-out with the AEG group. We pride ourselves on our technical expertise which was recognised by the AEG management. We look forward to meeting their expectations by delivering an optimal user experience. »*

ABOUT SONEMA

In a digital environment which is continuously evolving, data control and exploitation are and will remain an integral part of competitiveness and distinctiveness of companies. It has become essential to set up a strategy to secure flows and protect data.

By operating and managing scalable, bespoke telecommunications solutions, SONEMA supports its customers in their projects every day. With commitment in mind, and with a strong understanding of what is at stake, we want to be a proactive partner for our customers by allowing them to

concentrate on the heart of their profession and on their business innovation.

Faithful to our values of respect, transparency and responsibility, we place trust at the heart of the relation with our customers.

SONEMA, also means:

- *70 colleagues who are committed to our customers, every day*
- *650 customer installations in 50 countries*
- *50 certified partners all over the African continent*

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ABOUT ALLIED ENGINEERING GROUP

AEG is a leading provider of IT solutions serving banks and corporates in the Middle East and Africa.

AEG offers products and services that facilitate payment and money transfer, reconciliation, system integration, filtering and compliance, business continuity, security, and reporting among many others.

Today, with over 800 clients in more than 60 countries – 460 of which are connected to their SWIFT Service Bureau – AEG holds a strong position as a competent solution provider in the area possessing the advantage of owning the knowledge, the expertise, the proficient team of engineers and the physical infrastructure.

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