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## VOCUS Group Sponsors Internet Community Development

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Wholesale Voice and Internet start-up, Vocus Group, has announced its Platinum Sponsorship of the next Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) meeting to be held in Christchurch in August 2008.

The APNIC sponsorship is one of several highlights for Vocus Group Australia in the last six months. This promising Internet start-up has quickly found industry support for its new service, securing a strategic investment from Industry leader, PIPE Networks, to further develop its product.

Vocus also recently signed a multi-year international capacity agreement with Southern Cross Cables for international capacity between Australia and the United States and has recently launched both wholesale Internet and International Ethernet services.

James Spenceley, Vocus CEO, said, "As a wholesale provider, we feel it is important to support the industry that supports us. APNIC events are vital for the development of community policy, and we are pleased to be involved with a meeting so close to home."

APNIC 26 is a five-day event that brings together Internet and networking experts, government representatives, industry leaders, and other interested parties from around the Asia Pacific region. The meeting is an opportunity to network with colleagues, attend workshops and tutorials, and participate in the development of Internet resource policies for the region.

The on-site activities are supplemented by a live webcast and other opportunities for interested parties to participate remotely, so those not able to attend can still take an active part in the development of Internet policy.

For the first time, APNIC will provide live/interactive participation events for community members in the Philippines and Vietnam.

Paul Wilson, Director General of APNIC, believes sponsorship of the twice-yearly meetings is essential to assist in the development of skills and effective policy for the Asia Pacific region. "Last month's OECD meeting on the 'Future of the Internet Economy' in Korea has highlighted the importance of the multi-stakeholder approach to Internet governance and resource management. Now more than ever, we are assisting governments, business, and civil society to manage the exhaustion of IPv4 addresses and the process of introducing the IPv6 address scheme to the Internet."

"The APNIC Executive Council and myself would like to thank Vocus Group for their invaluable sponsorship. Their contribution directly reduces the cost to participants, which allows a greater level of participation from all economies in our region," he said.

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### **About APNIC**

APNIC is an open, membership-based, not-for-profit organization. It is one of five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) charged with ensuring the fair distribution and responsible management of IP addresses and related resources, which are required for the stable and reliable operation of the global Internet.

APNIC holds two meetings each year in locations throughout the Asia Pacific. These meetings provide the opportunity for the region's networking community to discuss and create the policies that guide Internet number resource distribution and use.

### **About Vocus Group**

Vocus Group provides wholesale Voice and IP transit to Telecommunications companies and ISPs across Australia.

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