

VODAFONE IDEA BUSINESS SERVICES AND NOKIA PARTNER TO LAUNCH SD-WAN TO HELP BUSINESSES DRIVE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

*~ Partners will offer advanced networking and connectivity solution for multi-cloud environment~
~Deal will enable enterprises to increase the speed of deployment, flexibility and control through SD-WAN~
~ A cost effective, secure, on-demand network solution for the enterprise customers ~*

National, October 15, 2019: Vodafone Idea Business Services (VIBS), the enterprise arm of Vodafone Idea Ltd., the country's leading telecom operator, today announced its partnership with Nokia to roll out software-defined networking in a wide area network (SD-WAN) services for start-ups and enterprises. Through SD-WAN deployment, VIBS will offer advanced networking and connectivity solutions and enable enterprises to dramatically increase the speed of deployment, flexibility and control. It is a software-defined network for digital business to securely access applications in a multi-cloud environment.

The services will be offered in partnership with Nokia and is built on Nokia's Nuage Networks Virtualized Services Platform (VSP) that will provide enterprises with an application-driven network that seamlessly and constantly adapts to the real-time demands of cloud computing, mobility and digitization. This will further allow connections across the business and cloud to be intelligently and dynamically programmed from a centralized location. By using centralized software to manage the network, it becomes easier to control, more agile and ready to adapt to future connectivity requirements.

Commenting on the partnership, **Nick Gliddon, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, Vodafone Idea Business Services**, said: *"We are glad to partner with Nokia to roll out SD-WAN services and help our customers in their digital transformation journey. This partnership enables us to offer an industry first, multi-tenant, Managed SD-WAN solution which enables enterprises of all sizes to access applications securely across multiple clouds. The enterprises will be able to leverage a more reliable, multi transport Wide Area Network solution managed through a centralised portal that will provide greater control, agility, speed of deployment with reduced operational cost."*

Benefits of Vodafone Idea SD-WAN

- Simplified configuration of multi-site WAN network using online portal
- Seamless connectivity to IaaS, SaaS Clouds using secure network
- Dynamic application-aware routing on optimal path
- Real-time network, application analytics through customer portal
- Choice of multi-transport ILL, MPLS L3, Broadband and 4G LTE
- OpEx-based pricing for Managed SD-WAN network
- Solution consulting, implementation, 24X7 support

Nitin Dahiya, Account Director, Nokia India, said, *"The Virtualized Services Platform by Nokia's Nuage Networks will enable Vodafone Idea to boost customer connectivity and aide their digital transformation journey. This partnership allows Vodafone to offer advanced networking and connectivity solutions, as well as enabling their customers to optimize business and cloud services. With the Virtualized Services Platform, Vodafone Idea gives control of the network back to the customer, making them more agile, adaptable and flexible."*



The launch of SD-WAN augments Vodafone Idea Business Services' established vision of being a trusted and valued partner for business in a digital world, transforming cloud experience for millions of SMEs and large enterprises

About Nuage Networks from Nokia

Nuage: From French, meaning "cloud." Nuage Networks from Nokia brings a combination of technologies and networking expertise to the enterprise and telecommunications industries. The Silicon Valley-based business has applied new thinking to the problem of delivering massively scalable and highly programmable SDN solutions within and across the datacenter and out to the wide area network with the security and availability required by business-critical environments. Nuage Networks, backed by the IP/Optical Networks business of Nokia, has the pedigree to serve the needs of the world's biggest clouds. The cloud has made promises - the mission of Nuage Networks is to help you realize them.

About Vodafone Idea Limited

Vodafone Idea Limited is an Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone Group partnership. It is India's leading telecom service provider. The Company provides pan India Voice and Data services across 2G, 3G and 4G platform. With the large spectrum portfolio to support the growing demand for data and voice, the company is committed to deliver delightful customer experiences and contribute towards creating a truly 'Digital India' by enabling millions of citizens to connect and build a better tomorrow. The Company is developing infrastructure to introduce newer and smarter technologies, making both retail and enterprise customers future ready with innovative offerings, conveniently accessible through an ecosystem of digital channels as well as extensive on-ground presence. The Company is listed on National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in India.

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