

## MEDIA/ASX RELEASE

## New Brisbane Data Centre Launched

PIPE Networks Limited (ASX:PWK) officially opened the doors to their latest national carrier neutral Data Centre in Fortitude Valley yesterday, "DC3". The Honourable John Mickel, Minister for State Development fitted the last floor tile in the facility to signal the completion of the data centre build. For the hundreds of people who attended the Data Centre launch it was a highly anticipated moment filled with excitement. Industry professionals gained insight into the operations of these technology infrastructure centres through guided tours and live fibre splicing demonstrations.

The biggest challenge facing the local ICT industry is the lack of commercial data centre space available to support the increasing demand for broadband services. The DC3 facility will make available over 350sqm of secure data centre space in Metropolitan Brisbane. This supports local business by providing critical infrastructure at competitive pricing and superior services with potential for lower latency through more direct routes to Brisbane city customers. PIPE Networks Data Centre 3 facility will be one of the larger sites built in Brisbane, and one of the only carrier neutral facilities of this size available in South East Queensland.

The DC3 fit-out project has been broadcasted via daily posts on the blog "zero to dc in sixty" to provide transparency to the build process. When the company was started 5 years ago, the co-founders built from scratch a similar, smaller facility adjourning their Brisbane offices in 100 days. DC3 became an ambitious project testing how far they could accelerate the build time with additional resources and experience. The challenge of a 60 day data centre build was laid down by the co-founders to the PIPE Networks operations staff, on April 16, 2007.

PIPE Networks was founded in 2002 as a Brisbane based company with 3 employees, and have since expanded to have 6 offices nation wide, with over 55 staff helping the company accomplish great feats in the Australian telecommunications marketplace. PIPE Networks own and operate Australia's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Metropolitan Fibre Optic network and provide Australian telecommunication service providers with competitive, independent network infrastructure.

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