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China State Commercial Bank Consolidates Its Storage Area Network Environment With Brocade Solutions

Deployed Within One Week, Brocade SilkWorm Switches and Directors Cut Growing Bank's Backup and Restore Times in Half, Help Meet Compliance Requirements for Outstanding ROI

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov 27, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. (Brocade(R)) (Nasdaq: BRCD) today announced the successful consolidation of Storage Area Network (SAN) islands within the Shanghai Branch of the Agricultural Bank of China (ABC), one of China's four state-owned commercial banks. Using SilkWorm(R) switches and directors from Brocade, the world-leading SAN connectivity solutions provider, the Shanghai Branch reduced its backup and restore times by approximately 50 percent after a one-week deployment-with minimal impact on its business. In addition to optimizing its existing SAN infrastructure for mission-critical storage, server, and application resources in 25 regional sub-branches and operating units throughout Shanghai, the bank realized a significant return on its investment in just 12 months.

"As one of the State Commercial Banks of China, it is paramount that our information be stored securely and backed up reliably," said Mr. Jiang Yongqing of Agricultural Bank of China Shanghai Branch. "Through Brocade, we are now able to link up our SAN islands easily. This linkage has paved the way for more efficient management of our data, thereby reducing cost and complexity. This has also enabled us to better meet compliance requirements."

With a total asset value twice the average of other ABC branches, Shanghai Branch has ranked first among ABC group banks for seven consecutive years, during which it has established an extensive 25-site service network across the city. To manage the resulting growth of its distributed operations and data center, Shanghai Branch needed to optimize its IT infrastructure, including its SAN environment. In particular, the rapid expansion highlighted the need for Shanghai Branch to consolidate its existing SAN islands without disrupting its current business operations.

The bank chose new Brocade SilkWorm switches and directors for this task because of their proven performance and easy setup and integration. In addition to streamlining the data storage and retrieval process and simplifying the bank's compliance procedures, the Brocade solution is designed to bolster bank employees' productivity and ability to service an expanding customer base.

"Faced with a growing number of customers and data, the financial sector has a very high demand for storage capacity and simplicity," explained Deb Dutta, Brocade Vice President of Asia Pacific/Japan. "The wide range of Brocade SilkWorm products enables the Agricultural Bank of China Shanghai Branch to take advantage of a flexible, intelligent platform that is designed to scale to support the bank's high-performance standards and requirements."

About Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.

Brocade delivers industry-leading platforms, solutions, and services for intelligently connecting, managing, and optimizing IT resources in shared storage environments. The world's premier systems, server, and storage providers offer the Brocade SilkWorm family of Storage Area Network (SAN) connectivity platforms as the foundation for shared storage in organizations of all sizes. In addition, the Brocade Tapestry(TM) family of IT infrastructure solutions extends the ability to proactively manage and optimize application and information resources across the enterprise. Using Brocade solutions, organizations are better positioned to reduce cost, manage complexity, and satisfy business compliance requirements through optimized use and management of their IT resources. For more information, visit the Brocade Web site at www.brocade.com or contact the company at info@brocade.com.

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