United Biscuits Achieves EN50600 Data Centre Accreditation

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LONDON, UK, April 12, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- United Biscuits has become one of the first companies in Europe to achieve a data center accreditation to the new European data centre standard, EN50600*.

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As the leading manufacturer and marketer of biscuits in the UK and second largest in the Netherlands, France, Belgium and Ireland, the company owns and operates 16 manufacturing facilities, of which seven are in the UK. At its Liverpool Group Business centre, United Biscuits maintains one of its corporate data centres.

In order to raise overall reliability and usability of the data centre United Biscuits appointed Capitoline to audit and assess their current design and installation against the EN 50600 data centre standard. From the original audit came an improvement plan and management training that led to the data centre being accredited to one of the Classes of Availability defined in the EN 50600 standard.

Barry Elliott of Capitoline said, "The new EN 50600 data centre standard is an excellent tool for any European-based data centre to measure itself against latest best practice and to develop long-term management plans for the resilience and maintainability of their data centre."

Jamie Wilson, Group Head of IS for United Biscuits UK stated, "One of our corporate values is competitiveness which encourages everyone in United Biscuits to look externally and benchmark their activities against not only our competitors but also the general market place. I challenged our IS Operations team to benchmark our data centre facilities externally to an internationally recognised standard. Capitoline helped us through this whole process by auditing what we have, training our staff in data centre management techniques and developing an improvement plan to increase the reliability and resilience of our data centre."

*EN 50600 Information technology. Data centre facilities and infrastructures
EN50600 is Europe's new data centre facilities and infrastructure standard published by CENELEC. CENELEC is the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization and is responsible for standardization in the electrotechnical engineering field. EN50600 is published in each EU member state as the national standard for data centres. Under the EU Directive on Public Procurement organisations in Europe spending public money must use CEN, CENELEC or ETSI standards where they exist.

EN50600 has five infrastructure components

- EN 50600-1:2012 Data centre facilities and infrastructures. General concepts
- EN 50600-2-1:2014 Data centre facilities and infrastructures. Building construction
- EN 50600-2-2:2014 Data centre facilities and infrastructures. Power distribution
- EN 50600-2-3:2014 Data centre facilities and infrastructures. Environmental control
- EN 50600-2-4:2015 Data centre facilities and infrastructures. Telecommunications cabling
- EN 50600-2-5(draft) 2-5. Data centre facilities and infrastructures. Security systems

EN50600 has four levels or classes of operation to describe resilience and redundancy in the data centre for facilities and utility design and operation.

About United Biscuits
United Biscuits (UB) is a leading international biscuit manufacturer whose baking heritage goes back generations, with many recipes passed down since the 1800s. UB bakes some of the best loved sweet and savoury biscuits and cakes that are household names in their respective markets; supported by a strong culture of innovation to continually develop snack brands. Among UB's popular brand names are McVitie's, Penguin, go ahead!, McVitie's Jaffa Cakes, Jacob's, Jacob's Cream Crackers, Twiglets, Mini Cheddars and Carr's in the UK, BN, Delacre, Verkade and Sultana in Continental Europe and Haansbro in Nigeria.
As the leading manufacturer and marketer of biscuits in the UK and second largest in the Netherlands, France, Belgium and Ireland, the company owns and operates 16 manufacturing facilities, of which seven are in the UK and has a strong footprint for growth, with products sold in over 130 countries.
UB is owned by Yildiz Holding – Owner of the master brands Ülker, McVitie's and Godiva, Yildiz is a global, snacking focused food company with over 320 brands in 49 different categories. With 77 factories in 14 countries, the company exports to 100+ countries and operates in a geography housing around 4 billion people. Yildiz is the world's 3rd largest biscuits company and employs 50,000 people around the world.

About Capitoline
Capitoline, headquartered in the UK, is an independent engineering consultancy specializing in data center design, audit and training. Capitoline started the world's first data centre training in 2005 and has extensive experience in auditing and training in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Capitoline has become the world leader for manufacturer-independent data centre training and auditing. This experience has been reflected by Capitoline being a member of the British Standards Institute committee contributing to the development of the EN 50600 standard.

More information is available from
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