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## O<sub>2</sub> and studiVZ: hosting partnership

**MUNICH. Telefónica O<sub>2</sub> Germany is the exclusive hosting service provider for studiVZ Ltd., the social online network in Germany, Austria and Switzerland with the broadest coverage. The companies signed a framework agreement which covers all managed hosting services for the popular online networks schuelerVZ, studiVZ and meinVZ.**

The agreement continues the long-term and successful partnership between O<sub>2</sub> and studiVZ Ltd. which is part of the Georg von Holtzbrinck Publishing Group. O<sub>2</sub> provides all hardware, storage capacities and the hosting management for the portals of studiVZ with an aggregate number of more than 13 million registered users. Individual customer support and strictly defined service regulations combined with a high security level enable studiVZ to flexibly scale their portals.

“The partnership with studiVZ, one of the biggest social networks in Europe, highlights our strong position as a hosting service provider for businesses“, said Karola Bode, Vice President Business, O<sub>2</sub>. Dr. Clemens Riedl, Vice President Sales, studiVZ Ltd., explained: “We strongly appreciate having Telefónica O<sub>2</sub> Germany as a strong and reliable partner for our hosting requirements.”

O<sub>2</sub> is a leading provider of hosting services in Germany. In line with customer requirements, the company combines state-of-the-art hardware and software solutions with professional management services. Based on the IP network of Telefónica Germany, O<sub>2</sub> provides the full technical infrastructure for online based services like internet or intranet portals. Leading internet service providers rely on the managed hosting services of O<sub>2</sub>, among them Spiegel Online, Focus Online, MyVideo, Spickmich and Panfu.

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**studiVZ Ltd.** is Germany's leading internet brand for an active network culture. With schülerVZ ([www.schuelerVZ.net](http://www.schuelerVZ.net)), studiVZ ([www.studiVZ.net](http://www.studiVZ.net)) and meinVZ ([www.meinVZ.net](http://www.meinVZ.net)), studiVZ Ltd. operates online networks for all internet users between 12 and 45 years. More than thirteen million members are registered on the networks of studiVZ Ltd. They actively interact online and stay in contact with friends, colleagues and the family. The company studiVZ Ltd. was founded in October 2005 as a student project and is based in Berlin. Since January 2007, studiVZ Ltd. has been part of the Holtzbrinck Publishing Group.

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