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**Kings College London becomes IT high-flyer
~ revolutionises delivery of IT applications and services
with Getronics ~**

Kings College London (KCL), one of the top 25 universities in the world, has unveiled a new IT infrastructure that will improve service availability, security and user access for its 19,700 students and 5,000 staff. Implemented by Getronics, the leading workspace management company, KCL's new 'Global Desktop' uses desktop virtualisation technology to simplify and optimise the way IT services and applications are delivered. Based on Getronics' 'Your Workspace, Anywhere' initiative, it is designed to reduce operating costs and streamline processes.

In a five-year contract, Getronics is working in close partnership with the College's Information Services & Systems (ISS) department to deliver their vision of a virtualised environment running on thin client technology. The virtualised desktop environment meets the objectives set out in the College's Ten Year Strategic Plan (2006-16) to enhance quality and distinction in all areas of business activity, supported by world-class professional services and infrastructure. The project will bring a broad set of features and functionality to a diverse set of users.

Key areas of the new IT infrastructure are office automation, 'anywhere access' to applications and infrastructure, increased security and new back-up management. By replacing a complex system that was becoming increasingly costly to support, it will improve user experience and freedom, as well as introducing commercial and operational efficiencies.

"Not only will our new approach to IT deliver immediate benefits for users and cost savings for the College, but it will also prepare us for the future," said Lynne Tucker, Chief Technology Officer at Kings College London. "Getronics supports legacy applications that cannot be virtualised until we're ready to replace them and has created a fully scalable infrastructure, able to meet our changing requirements."

Dave Baldwin, managing director at Getronics UK and Ireland, commented: "Students and staff now have access to core applications and information wherever and whenever they need it. They can also access many specialist academic applications from any computer or smart device, rather than needing to go into the library or lab. Behind the scenes, King's College London now has a robust data centre-centric architecture and improved business continuity that can truly deliver workspaces, anywhere."

Getronics was selected for its skills set, knowledge and experience in delivering and managing major IT infrastructure programmes, as well as for its strategic global alliances with Cisco, Riverbed, Microsoft, and SUN. The initial implementation phase has now been completed.

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About Kings College London

King's College London is one of the top 25 universities in the world (Times Higher 2008) and the fourth oldest in England. A research-led university based in the heart of London, King's has an outstanding reputation for providing world-class teaching and cutting-edge research. For more information, please visit <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/>

News Alert

Getronics launches Your Workspace Anywhere to provide greater flexibility and control

~ Workspace virtualisation helps improve efficiency and reduce costs across both public and private sectors ~

Getronics, a leading workspace management company, has announced the launch of its new desktop virtualisation solution, Your Workspace Anywhere, to enable organisations across the public and private sectors to improve budgetary assurance and business results by enabling the personal performance of their employees through IT.

Your Workspace Anywhere enables people to access their work desktop remotely from a range of devices including thin clients, smart phones, or personal computers. The computer operating system, applications and data are hosted centrally, meaning users can work from anywhere, but still have the tools they need to do their jobs.

"Your Workspace Anywhere is designed to have a positive impact across the whole business, reducing costs, improving control and providing a better IT service to employees," said Dave Baldwin, managing director Getronics UK and Ireland.

"Getronics already manages two million desktops in 90 countries. We therefore have the experience and expertise to provide both public and private sector businesses with an advanced solution to offer greater flexibility and control," he added.

About Getronics UK & Ireland

Getronics UK is an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) company, with expertise in Workspace Management, Connectivity, Infrastructure and Consultancy services. Getronics enables people in medium to large organisations to use ICT to achieve a personal performance which leads to business results.

Getronics UK clients include Barclays, Booker, Clarks, CSC, Dell, Iceland, Innospec, first quench, PSN, and many others.

Worldwide, Getronics has revenues of € 2.2 billion in 2008 and over 14,000 (FTE) at HY 2009. Getronics is the largest ICT service-provider in the Benelux with operations across the globe allowing it to service the needs of multinational businesses. Since 2007 Getronics has been part of KPN, one of the world's largest international telecommunications companies.

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