

France Telecom's Equant wins DSM contract

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A France Telecom subsidiary Thursday signed a deal with DSM to provide its global telecommunications network.

Equant, which specializes in providing telecommunications services to business clients, will be providing the Dutch chemicals producer with networks covering 180 sites in 45 countries connecting 23,000 employees.

The new system "will help us lower the cost of maintaining and managing our global network," Jo van den Hanenberg, chief information officer at DSM, said in a news release.

"For global organizations, the convergence of all business communications -- voice, video and data on an IP network -- brings huge benefits with reduced network and administration costs as well as improved productivity," said Jeroen van Brussel, head of Equant in the Netherlands. "In addition to reducing costs, our network management services will improve the performance of critical applications."

Financial details of the agreement were not disclosed.

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