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Wkit Security signs contract with The Government Of Dubai

The Government of Dubai has, through an intensive business competition, chosen Wkit Security AB to be their data security provider for Dubai Internet City (DIC). DIC is the world's first free-trade zone specifically for IT companies, and it is owned by The Government of Dubai, situated just outside the City of Dubai in the United Arab Emirate (UAE).

A task force team of some of Wkit Security's most capable security analysts has been working under strict secrecy and direct supervision of representatives from the DIC to prove their superior skills in the data security area. The task throughout this autumn was to analyse a large, complex computer network and look for security flaws and potential security threats and then recommend ways to solve all the problems that came up.



An artist's impression of one of the Dubai Internet City complex.

“Wkit has proven themselves most competent in the field of data security, during this assignment. It is of great importance that we can provide supreme security to all IT companies within the free-trade zone of DIC”, says Ahmad Bin Byat, CEO at Dubai Internet City (DIC).

The main purpose of this first agreement is for Dubai Internet City to evaluate Wkit's ability to work in the cultural and socially different environment that UAE provides. The information from this first assignment is going to serve as the basis for future decisions on the stated desire to use Wkit taskforce teams throughout the entire United Arab Emirate (UAE).

Wkit security analysts are going to work both on location in Dubai and via the Internet from Wkit Headquarters in western Sweden. Wkit's Security Services' core competence is the performance of external security audits via the Internet, combined with internal security revision performed on location within the client's network. The Wkit Security Services concept is a direct result of many years of data security research and performance. Due to a well-specified work method, and superior knowledge of today's hacking methods, Wkit Security can offer its clients some of the most advanced security services available.

"Dubai Internet City (DIC), is the single most important investment in communication technology that The Government Of Dubai has done in this region, and we plan to be the Middle East answer to Silicon Valley in California", Says Ahmad Bin Byat, CEO of DIC. "Today some 200 of the world's leading IT companies have signed up for the DIC venture; before the end of year 2001 we expect it to be somewhere around 600 IT companies, from start-up size to the biggest companies there are today."

"We have built a taskforce especially for this United Arab Emirate (UAE) and Middle East operation," said Lars Olov Guttke, CEO of Wkit Security. "Now we need to intensify our search for security analysts to meet the fast growing demand of our other growing markets."

"This breakthrough in the relatively unexplored data security market that the Middle East represents is now accomplished," continued Guttke. "Strategically, this is a most important contract for our Security Services department, and the forecast for our United Arab Emirate operation is extremely favorable."

Wkit Security AB has seen rapidly increasing interest in network security among company- and organization leaders during the past six months. Wkit Security is therefore in a hiring mode.

“This is the second major contract that Wkit has received within the last three months, and it is right on schedule,” summarized Guttke. “After a major reconstruction of our services, our focus is now to reach strategic customers such as governments and global enterprises. We expect the market to see an increasing number of new Wkit Security contracts over the next six months.”

About Dubai Internet City (DIC)

Dubai Internet City is being created to serve as a business hub for New Economy enterprises. The multi billion mission is “To create the infrastructure, environment and attitude that will enable New Economy enterprises to operate locally, regionally and globally out of Dubai with significant competitive advantages.” It is also the world's first free trade zone for IT, e-business and media. The technical infrastructure at Dubai Internet City is being designed to world-class standards of capacity, reliability, costs and service levels. Businesses in Dubai Internet City can look forward to a high bandwidth, low cost state-of-the-art telecom infrastructure with redundant connections to Internet primary backbone providers. The hub that DIC wants to be is also obtained by the physical fact that its situated in one of the worlds most populated area. A one-hour of flight from Dubai Airport gives you access to more than 25 percent of the world population.



The Government of Dubai is investing a substantial amount of money in the countries IT development and today the leaders are determined that the Government Of Dubai is going to be the first 100 percent IT compatible Government in the world.

Read more about DIC at www.dubaiinternetcity.com

About Wkit Security

Wkit provides top-of-the-line data security related services and products to companies who demand high-level security for their work. It is organized in two divisions. The **Services Division** carries out security analyses of customers' internal and external data communications. The division also offers training and consulting in the field of security. The **Product Division** develops security-related software such as the Don't Bother Burn™ (DBB) copy protection software for CD-ROMs and the WOCS software application that can retrieve deleted files from crashed hard drives. Wkit Security AB is



situated in Håverud in Sweden. Wkit is a wholly owned subsidiary to the listed Effnet Group AB. Wkit is responsible for security within the group.

Read more about Wkit Security at www.wkit.com.

About Effnet

Effnet innovates and licenses award-winning key technologies that resolve data speed, efficiency and security challenges in Internet Protocol (IP) networking and IT security. Effnet's modular IP packet processing technology -- the EffnetEdge™ Toolkit -- as well as its complete firewall and router technology for hardware manufacturers, enable optimized performance. With more than 75 employees, the company operates in Stockholm, Luleå and Håverud, Sweden, and in Silicon Valley, California. Effnet Group AB shares are traded on Sweden's Nya Marknaden (symbol: EFFN).

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