

Level 3 Receives the ISO 27001 Certification for its Services Provided in Cotia/São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro Data Centers

Certification Confirms Adherence to Strictest Information Security Policies

SÃO PAULO, Jan. 23, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Level 3 Communications, Inc.](#)'s (NYSE: LVT) Brazilian subsidiary, Level 3 Comunicações Do Brasil Ltda., received the ISO 27001 Information Security Management System compliance certificate for the services provided in its data centers in Cotia/São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The certification is an internationally recognized standard to help ensure the practice of adequate and proportionate security controls are in place to safeguard customers' information and intellectual property assets.

Learn more about Level 3's Data Centers. Visit: <http://datacenters.level3.com>.

Examples of ISO 27001 Requirements Implemented:

- **Access control**, which ensures all persons accessing Level 3 data centers are previously authorized and registered.
- **Risks analysis and treatment and incident management**, ensuring information security risks have been identified and addressed in order to eliminate or minimize damages in the event of an incident occurring.
- **Business continuity management** underscores the critical nature of data center operations to Level 3. There is a plan, developed and tested, to manage crisis situations so customers can count on services even in challenging circumstances.

Key Facts:

- Level 3 operates 3 data centers in Brazil, and more than 360 worldwide.
- In 2013, Level 3 received the [ISO 27001 certification](#) for its ISMS supporting Advanced Security Testing Services for its data center in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Level 3's data centers host both Level 3's and customers' IT environments.
- Level 3's global data center footprint has direct connectivity to its more than 320,000 km of fiber network and metro market reach in more than 60 countries.
- Level 3 data centers are managed on-site by a team of specialized technicians.

About the Certification:

- Granted for a period of three years, the certification was approved after an extensive audit of data center processes and infrastructure conducted by TÜV Rheinland, a provider of technical, safety and certification services.
- TÜV Rheinland evaluated various security controls applied to the services and infrastructure of those data centers.

Key Quote:

Gabriel del Campo, Regional Vice President of Data Centers and Security, Level 3 Latin America

"This certification highlights the extensive measures Level 3 has implemented to protect our customers' confidential data and information systems. We implemented technology improvements including extra controls, new roles, functions, processes and procedures to safeguard our data center services environment for our customers."

About Level 3 Communications

Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NYSE: LVL3) is a Fortune 500 company that provides local, national and global communications services to enterprise, government and carrier customers. Level 3's comprehensive portfolio of secure, managed solutions includes fiber and infrastructure solutions; IP-based voice and data communications; wide-area Ethernet services; video and content distribution; data center and cloud-based solutions. Level 3 serves customers in more than 500 markets in over 60 countries across a global services platform anchored by owned fiber networks on three continents and connected by extensive undersea facilities. For more information, please visit www.level3.com or get to know us on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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