



Spain's leading Healthcare group continues to choose Madge Networks over competition

Amsterdam, The Netherlands (October 29, 2002) – For over 15 years the leading Spanish healthcare group, Grup Assistència local area network has used Madge Networks' Token-Ring. **Stability, robustness, and high bandwidth** were key considerations at the outset and are equally important today.

With forever increasing demands on "bandwidth", new technologies and increasing sophisticated medical applications the group's networking needs are continuously under review.

Following a recent network review, Grup Assistència's network was extended with Madge DeskStream switches. Sr. Josep Maria Ayra, Director de sistemas de infraestructura commented, "We have always been very impressed with the Madge product offering. When we recently needed to extend our network we, of course, considered all alternatives. However, with Madge's continuing development and commitment to Token Ring solutions including high speed backbone offerings, it became obvious that **by continuing with Madge we were adopting a low-risk, high performance answer to our needs. We will have all of this at the lowest possible price.**

Sr. Ayra continued "The complexities of our ever expanding network, over two major data centres and some 5,000 users means there is a great need for seamless high speed backbone connectivity and the integration of Ethernet as well as 155Mbps. On the few occasions we required technical assistance, we received immediate response. **With such a combination of product and service it was an easy decision to choose Madge.**

About Grup Assistència

The private healthcare market in Spain is the most highly developed in Europe. 15% of the population (6 million people) has some type of health insurance policy, a third of whom (2 Million people) use it as a direct replacement for the Public Health system. Grup Assistència is a leading pioneer in this healthcare sector. Over 5,000 doctors acting as a co-operative provide a healthcare model, studied and copied the world over. For more information, please click on the logo.



About Madge Networks N.V.

Madge Networks N.V. (NASDAQ: MADGF) is a global supplier of advanced networking product solutions to large enterprises, and is the market leader in Token Ring networking. Madge Networks is pioneering next generation networking solutions, which enable the painless deployment Wireless and also 100Mbps and Gigabit speed IP-based applications within existing corporate networks while protecting customers' investments in Token Ring. Madge Networks also has an associate company, Red-M™, a market leader in wireless networking solutions. Madge Networks' main business centers are located in Wexham Springs, United Kingdom and New York. Information about Madge Networks' complete range of products and services can be accessed at www.madge.com.

