



## Madge Networks completes major Token Ring evolution project at Gan Assicurazioni

### Leading Italian insurance company upgrades to switched network environment to enhance native Token Ring benefits

Wexham Springs, UNITED KINGDOM (December 17, 2001) – Madge Networks N.V. (NASDAQ NM: MADGF) has completed a major Token Ring implementation at Gan Assicurazioni, a leading Italian insurance company. By evolving its Token Ring network to a fully switched environment, Gan Assicurazioni has increased security and can remotely monitor its entire network.

**As its needs have grown**, Gan Assicurazioni demanded a solution that would enable it to upgrade its network in a cost-effective way, without disruption to ongoing services or the need for a wholesale architectural change.



**Within the past two years**, the company began the process of replacing old shared hubs with Madge Smart DeskStream™ switches, equipped with 100Mbps uplink modules. As a result, existing Madge Smart Ringswitch™ Plus backbone switches can now deliver high-speed connectivity to both servers and workgroups.

"Everyone in our company works to tight schedules and therefore, I cannot afford to have our network down at any time. As such, reliability and robustness have always been right at the top of our network expectations," said Luc Senger, IT Director, Gan Assicurazioni.

**"The Madge Networks solution** provides us with large frame sizes (4.5K bytes-18K bytes) and redundancy associated with 100Mbps links within a fully managed environment, providing us with a unique, high performance solution."

"Token Ring technology from Madge Networks also gives Gan Assicurazioni confidence for the future, should we decide to capitalize on native Ethernet-ready peripheral devices. The latest Madge Gigabit Uplink Module will allow us to seamlessly integrate our existing Token Ring infrastructure into next generation Gigabit-class intranet backbones," Luc Senger concluded.



### **About Gan Assicurazioni**

Established in 1881, 99 per cent of Gan Assicurazioni belongs to its holding company, Groupe Ama International. Employing 420 staff in Italy, the company operates a wide range of assurance policies within the insurance and reinsurance markets, with a particular focus on pension policies and managed funds.

### **About Madge Networks N.V.**

Madge Networks N.V. (NASDAQ NM: MADGF) is a global supplier of advanced networking product solutions to large enterprises, and is the market leader in Token Ring. Madge is pioneering next generation networking solutions, which enable the painless deployment of 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 leading supplier of wireless networking product solutions. The Company's main business centers are located in Wexham Springs, United Kingdom and Manasquan, New Jersey. Information about Madge's complete range of products and services can be accessed at [www.Madge.com](http://www.Madge.com).

