



Trading Statement

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Computacenter plc ('Computacenter')
Pre-Close Trading Statement

Ahead of entering its close period, Computacenter is today briefing analysts on trading in the year ended 31 December 2001.

Conditions in the markets in which Computacenter operates have been somewhat worse than were generally projected at the time of reporting our Interim Results in August 2001 and Computacenter has not been immune from this. However, Computacenter's strategic focus on strengthening its services activities has improved resilience to a market downturn. This was evident in the second half of 2001, in which the Company achieved continued growth in Managed Services and superior Professional Services utilisation rates. This performance served to mitigate the decline in product supply revenue, which fell in the second half by 28% compared to the first half of 2001, in the UK.

The profit* for the year will be broadly in line with analysts' forecasts (currently #52.0 million, source: TOPIC, 9 January 2002)

Whilst it is too early to predict the outcome for 2002, we do not expect the market to improve materially in the short term. However, the increased services mix of the business has improved Computacenter's ability to withstand these difficult trading conditions. We are well placed to deliver profit* growth for 2002 over 2001.

The integration of GE Capital Information Technology Services ("GECITS") in the UK continues according to plan and we have successfully completed the disposal of the business of Computacenter Germany to GE on 1 December 2001. Additionally, we have taken up our option to acquire the services business of GECITS France which will complete in mid-February 2002.

We will be announcing our Preliminary Results on 13 March 2002.

* post-Biomni, pre-exceptionals

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