

The CompuGROUP subsidiary systema will continue to handle information technology for 57 Lower Austria nursing homes and state schools for adolescents

Koblenz / Steyr – April 24, 2009: CompuGROUP Holding AG, one of Europe's leading e-Health companies, will continue to handle information technology for the 48 Lower Austria state-owned nursing homes and nine state schools for children and adolescents. The contract runs for five years, with an investment of approximately 12.5 million Euros. This is a contract that is of great importance to the Austrian subsidiary systema during this financial crisis and which provides long-term job security.

systema, CompuGROUP's Austrian specialist for the development of healthcare software and headquartered in Steyr, already revolutionized the information technology landscape of the 57 state-owned Lower Austria nursing homes as well as the state schools for children and adolescents in 2004. An employee of the state of Lower Austria who was involved in the project, at that time compared it to switching from a "kick scooter to a Ferrari". Some of the implemented systems included client administration, personnel administration and planning, accounting, material and kitchen logistics, as well as school and training administration for the state schools for adolescents.

"noe|HIT" (Lower Austria state school information technology) is a project of immense complexity and dimension. Approximately 50 employees of the state of Lower Austria were also actively working on the implementation of the project. About 3000 employees were trained in the applications and as a result were supported in their daily work. In addition, systema was also responsible for the technical implementation of the e-card integration. Card readers were installed in all of the homes to enable the physicians to read the patient data. The solution spectrum also included the technical equipment for the computer center in St. Pölten, which is centrally managed by systema.

In order to be geared up for the next five years, to warrant the highest degree of stability and the utmost availability, complete renewal of the computer center's hardware is planned by the summer of 2009. "Due to the rapid development of new technology, this is necessary every three to five years at the latest", said Günther Kaiblinger, systema's project manager, who sees a particular challenge in completely renewing the central infrastructure "but without the users noticing it at all".

After all, 1200 clients with approximately 4500 users are connected to the system. The extended contract also includes maintenance, support and the computer center operation, as well as the software utilized in the noe|HIT. During the hardware renewal, an SAP upgrade to ECC 6.0 will also be realized. In addition, an intranet was implemented, for which systema supplied the infrastructure. This intranet is utilized for project and facility-specific contents by the users and has met with broad acceptance.

Michael Strozer, noe|HIT operations coordinator of the Lower Austria state-owned nursing homes, is pleased that the "noe|HIT" functionalities will be enhanced and the working relationship with systema will continue: "We have had the best experience with systema so far. Their employees not only possess subject matter competency, but we can also rely on them." Similar positive comments were also made by Ingrid Feierfeil, noe|HIT, operations coordinator of the Lower Austria state schools for children and adolescents: "noe|HIT is a quantum leap for us here in Lower Austria with respect to the new technology as well as the new organization. The implementation presented an opportunity for us to analyze and improve old ways of working. Thanks to the CompuGROUP subsidiary systema, we were able to significantly increase efficiency in providing health care. With the decision that systema will continue to provide support and customer service, successful joint enhancements to the organizational project noe|HIT have also been guaranteed for the future."

About systema Human Information Systems GmbH

systema Human Information Systems was founded in 1972. systema develops software for the health care sector (E-Health) and possesses extensive know-how in organization and implementation. The company, which is headquartered in Steyr, sees its mission in the optimal support of hospital operations with integrated information technology. systema currently has more than 200 employees in 6 locations in Austria (Steyr, Graz, Linz, Salzburg, St. Pölten and Vienna). The 2008 annual sales totaled 27 million euro. systema is a subsidiary of the CompuGROUP Holding AG.

About CompuGROUP Holding AG

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