

# News Release



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**SWIFT Gives Sprint its Vote of Confidence**

*Sprint renews 10-year relationship with the Brussels-based financial messaging co-operative*

**BRUSSELS, Belgium – Sept. 18, 2003** – Sprint (NYSE: FON, PCS) has renewed its 10-year relationship with SWIFT, the industry-owned cooperative that provides secure messaging services and interface software for 7,500 financial institutions worldwide. The SWIFT community includes banks, broker/dealers and investment managers, as well as their market infrastructures in payments, securities, treasury, and trade.

Sprint will provide International Private Lines (IPLs) to the SWIFT Backbone Network at nodes in Europe, Asia and the United States. The IPLs are an integral part of the SWIFT backbone, ensuring its communications traffic is delivered securely and at high speed.

“Over the past ten years Sprint has proved to be a stable and reliable business partner for SWIFT, providing a secure service that is paramount for the financial industry we serve,” said Eddy Verbruggen, telecom vendor relationship manager, SWIFT.

Since the IPLs will be managed end to end by Sprint, service delivery will be improved through streamlined service management backed up by strong Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

“Reliability is the number one priority for SWIFT and we stand by one of the most reliable communications networks in the business, with industry-leading SLAs that cover performance, availability and installation,” said Mark Kellerhuis, general manager, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, Sprint.

Sprint provides globally consistent data WAN solutions to enterprises and service providers, bringing the same high level of service and reliability to all its customers’ locations. This uniformity of service is enhanced by Sprint’s global operations centers, based in Atlanta and Reston, Va, which enable Sprint to keep a global, end-to-end view of all its customers’ network needs.

Sprint WAN services include both network-specific SLAs and end-to-end, customer-specific SLAs on metrics, including jitter, latency, availability, packet delivery, and implementation.

**About SWIFT**

SWIFT is the industry-owned cooperative supplying secure, standardised messaging services and interface software to 7,500 financial institutions in 199 countries. The SWIFT community includes banks, broker/dealers and investment managers, as well as their market infrastructures in payments, securities, treasury and trade. Over the past ten years SWIFT message prices have dropped more than 70%, system availability has reached 5x9s reliability and SWIFT's new IP messaging platform, SWIFTNet, has been launched. For more information about SWIFT please refer to our website: [www.swift.com](http://www.swift.com).

**About Sprint**

Sprint is a global integrated communications provider serving more than 26 million business and residential customers in over 100 countries. With approximately 70,000 employees worldwide and nearly \$27 billion in annual revenues, Sprint is widely recognized for developing, engineering and deploying state-of-the-art network technologies, including the United States' first nationwide all-digital, fiber-optic network and an award-winning Tier 1 Internet backbone. Sprint provides local voice and data services in 18 states and operates the largest 100-percent digital, nationwide PCS wireless network in the United States. For more information, visit [www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com).