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**Logicalis Helps NSW State Records Preserve**

**The Past To Create Archives of The Future**

**~ wins Australia's third digital, next generation records archive project ~**

**Sydney, March 15, 2012** – NSW State Records Department has chosen Logicalis (Australia) to design and implement the underlying storage architecture for its digital State archives project. The digital State archives will store, preserve and make available 'born digital' and digitised archival value records of the government of New South Wales.

The digital archives project is a natural next step for the State's archives authority, which already holds a vast collection of physical archives dating from the First Fleet. These records will be kept permanently as a vital resource for citizens' rights and entitlements and historical research.

Logicalis' custom-built storage, server and virtualisation solution, based on EMC and Cisco technologies, adheres to the principles of openness, standardisation and security needed for digital preservation by archives and libraries.

NSW State Records went to tender for robust, scalable and efficient asset, specialist services, and technology solution to be delivered within its new purpose-built data centre in Sydney, NSW. Critical elements included a primary site and Disaster Recovery strategy to allow for a frequent, rapid and high-volume method of data transfer. Logicalis' proposal around design, networking and build was chosen on account of its high level of strategic consultancy, and the project kicked off in February 2012.

Logicalis' integrated ICT solution will be utilised for the development and operation of the Digital Archive and will utilise the VMware virtualisation platform and the EMC Isilon storage platform.

Cassie Findlay, Project Manager, Digital Archives State Records Authority of New South Wales Department of Finance and Services explained, "it was critical for our chosen partner to understand the need for openness combined with future-proofing against the background of legislation and records-keeping – that's quite a unique combination of requirements. We were confident of Logicalis' ability to deliver all of these elements while remaining cost-competitive. It's an extremely exciting project to work on."

The project is the third such digital archive project to run in Australia, following ones at National Archive and Records Victoria, both completed six years ago. During the two month project, Logicalis will supply the following;

- *Technology:* Server Compute, Storage Platform (Production), Storage Platform (DR), Network, Security, Backup and Recovery, Configuration, Monitoring and Administration, Scalability, After Sales Support and Warranty.
  - Cisco Nexus multi protocol/ multi-purpose switch, highly reliable/high performance ASR Firewall / Router and next generation C-Series Server Unified Computing System
  - Isilon X-Series storage system
  - VMware Virtualisation platform
- *Services:* Site Readiness, Planning and Design, Procurement and Staging, Knowledge Transfer, Installation, Configuration and Testing, Support Handover and the Post Implementation Review.

"Working on the most innovative digital archive project in Australia with the Digital Archives State Records Authority is extremely exciting for our team as it is pioneering in records management, particularly given so much has changed in technology since the last such projects were conducted six years ago," said Oliver Descoeudres, Marketing Director at Logicalis.

"Logicalis' methodology is based on the belief that the network, compute and storage platforms are rapidly converging, and customers need a holistic view and a consolidated architecture to address their data centre requirements," he added.

As well as being a VCE Coalition partner, Logicalis was the first partner in Australia to be Vblock certified. In 2011, Logicalis was been recognised by Cisco as Asia-Pacific "Virtualisation Partner of the Year" and by EMC as "VCE Partner of the Year".

For more information, please visit <http://www.au.logicalis.com>

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About NSW State Records**

State Records protects, preserves and makes available the archives of the Government of New South Wales. They also set standards, monitor compliance and provide guidance and training on recordkeeping for New South Wales public sector organisations. For more information go to: <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>

The digital State archives project is part of State Records' 'Future Proof' strategy, which is all about ensuring that digital records are meaningful and trustworthy – so that they can support and enable government business and also record our rights, entitlements and history. The Future Proof strategy consists of two main strands:

1. improving digital recordkeeping across government, and
2. implementing a digital archives facility for New South Wales government.

For more information go to: <http://futureproof.records.nsw.gov.au/>

### **About Logicalis**

Logicalis is an international provider of integrated information and communications technology (ICT) solutions and services founded on a superior breadth of knowledge and expertise in communications & collaboration; data centre; and professional and managed services.

Logicalis Group employs over 1,900 people worldwide, including highly trained service specialists who design, specify, deploy and manage complex ICT infrastructures to meet the needs of over 5,000 corporate and public sector customers. To achieve this, Logicalis maintains strong partnerships with technology leaders such as Cisco, HP, IBM and Microsoft.

The Logicalis Group has annualised revenues in excess of \$1 billion, from operations in the UK, US, Germany, South America and Asia Pacific, and is fast establishing itself as one of the leading IT and Communications service providers, specialising in the areas of advanced technologies and services.

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