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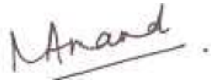
Dear Sir/ Madam,

Enclosed please find a release on the captioned subject being issued by the Company today.

This is for your information and records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
For **HCL Technologies Limited**



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**Company Secretary**

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## HCL Technologies and Proximus Announce Strategic Partnership to Launch Hybrid Next-Generation Cloud Portfolio for Benelux Market

**BRUSSELS and NOIDA, INDIA, Sept. 29, 2021** — HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global technology company, has signed a multi-year strategic partnership with Proximus Group, Belgium's leading digital services and communications solutions provider, to transform its data center business and create a resilient digital foundation.

HCL will help Proximus and its internal business achieve a significantly higher flexibility and reliance as the foundation to drive future business innovation and accelerate growth in the Belgium and Netherlands market. HCL will launch a Hybrid Next-Generation Cloud portfolio to support Proximus' large customer base and more than 11,000 employees. In addition, the Benelux region's mid-market and government businesses will gain access to joint solution offerings from HCL and Proximus.

The deal furthers Proximus' commitment to "act for a green and digital society," as the cloud platform will use the latest green data center technology to minimize its CO2 footprint. HCL will invest in a dedicated innovation lab, providing Proximus with exclusive access to its IP, product and partner ecosystem. This will enable Proximus to use HCL's extensive telecom and technology domain expertise to develop innovative 5G, Edge and IoT solutions. Together, HCL and Proximus will leverage the innovation lab to upskill employees in AI-led operations, automation, agile infrastructure management and cloud-native development.

"I am very pleased with this agreement between Proximus and HCL that will bring us economies of scale, knowledge, best practices, tools, experience and expertise," said Guillaume Boutin, CEO of the Proximus Group. "This IT infrastructure partnership will not only allow us to assure the development of the best customer offer, but it will also make sure that we're able to retain strong strategic influence in the cloud domain."

"This is a groundbreaking collaboration between HCL and Proximus," said C Vijayakumar, CEO and Managing Director, HCL Technologies. "Together, we look forward to developing a competitive cloud environment and digital offerings for the Belgian market. HCL's investment in a dedicated lab will not only drive innovation and growth at Proximus, but it will also support its endeavors to develop the next generation of digital talent in Belgium."

"Our strategic partnership with Proximus builds upon our longstanding relationship and underscores HCL's commitment to the Benelux region," said Ashish Gupta, Senior Corporate Vice President and Head of EMEA, HCL Technologies. "We are excited about the joint go-to-market opportunities the partnership presents. The next-generation cloud platform will give us a true market advantage, enabling us to offer a portfolio of futuristic and competitive cloud offerings to clients."

### About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies (HCL) empowers global enterprises with technology for the next decade, today. HCL's Mode 1-2-3 strategy, based on its deep-domain industry expertise, client-centricity and entrepreneurial culture of Ideapreneurship™, enables businesses to transform into next-gen enterprises.

HCL offers its services and products through three business units: IT and Business Services (ITBS), Engineering and R&D Services (ERS) and Products & Platforms (P&P). ITBS enables global enterprises to transform their businesses through offerings in the areas of applications, infrastructure, digital process operations and next-generation digital transformation solutions. ERS offers engineering services and solutions in all aspects of product development and platform engineering. P&P provides modernized software products to global clients for their technology and industry-specific requirements.





Through its cutting-edge co-innovation labs, global delivery capabilities and broad global network, HCL delivers holistic services in various industry verticals, including Financial Services, Manufacturing, Technology and Services, Telecom and Media, Retail and CPG, Life Sciences and Healthcare, and Public Services.

As a leading global technology company, HCL takes pride in its diversity, social responsibility, sustainability, and education initiatives. For the 12 months ended June 30, 2021, HCL had consolidated revenue of \$10.54 billion. Its more than 175,000 Ideapreneurs operate out of 50 countries.

For more information, visit [www.hcltech.com](http://www.hcltech.com)

## About Proximus

Proximus Group (Euronext Brussels: PROX) is a provider of digital services and communication solutions operating in the Belgian and international markets. Delivering communication and entertainment experiences for residential consumers and enabling digital transformation for enterprises, we open up a world of digital opportunities so people live better and work smarter. Thanks to advanced interconnected fixed and mobile networks, Proximus provides access anywhere and anytime to digital services and data, as well as to a broad offering of multimedia content. Proximus is a pioneer in ICT innovation, with integrated solutions based on IoT, Data analytics, cloud and security.

Proximus has the ambition to become the reference operator in Europe through next generation networks, a truly digital mindset and a spirit of openness towards partnerships and ecosystems, while contributing to a safe, sustainable, inclusive and prosperous digital Belgium.

In Belgium, Proximus' core products and services are offered under the Proximus and Scarlet brands. The Group is also active in Luxembourg as, under the brand names Tango and Telindus Luxembourg, and in the Netherlands through Telindus Netherlands. The Group's international carrier activities are managed by BICS, a leading international communications enabler, one of the key global voice carriers and the leading provider of mobile data services worldwide.

With TeleSign, the Group also encompasses a fast-growing leader in digital identity services, serving the world's largest internet brands, digital champions and cloud native businesses.

With 11,423 employees, all engaged to offer customers a superior experience, the Group realized an underlying Group revenue of EUR 5,479 million end-2020.

For more information, visit <https://www.proximus.com/> & [www.proximus.be](http://www.proximus.be).

## Forward-looking Statements

Certain statements in this release are forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including but not limited to the statements containing the words 'planned', 'expects', 'believes', 'strategy', 'opportunity', 'anticipates', 'hopes' or other similar words. The risks and uncertainties relating to these statements include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties regarding impact of pending regulatory proceedings, fluctuations in earnings, our ability to manage growth, intense competition in IT services, business process outsourcing and consulting services including those factors which may affect our cost advantage, wage increases in India, customer acceptances of our services, products and fee structures, our ability to attract and retain highly skilled professionals, our ability to integrate acquired assets in a cost-effective and timely manner,





time and cost overruns on fixed-price, fixed-timeframe contracts, client concentration, restrictions on immigration, our ability to manage our international operations, reduced demand for technology in our key focus areas, disruptions in telecommunication networks, our ability to successfully complete and integrate potential acquisitions, the success of our brand development efforts, liability for damages on our service contracts, the success of the companies /entities in which we have made strategic investments, withdrawal of governmental fiscal incentives, political instability, legal restrictions on raising capital or acquiring companies outside India, and unauthorized use of our intellectual property, other risks, uncertainties and general economic conditions affecting our industry. There can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements made herein will prove to be accurate, and issuance of such forward-looking statements should not be regarded as a representation by the Company, or any other person, that the objective and plans of the Company will be achieved. All forward-looking statements made herein are based on information presently available to the Management of the Company and the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.

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