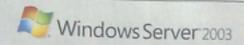**Microsoft**

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FASTHOSTS CHOOSES WINDOWS SERVER FOR WEB RELIABILITY

State-of-the-art Networks Operations Centre at Fasthosts

Reliability Is Key in the "Web Hosting Market"

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LONDON, June 2007 - Leading UK hosted services provider Fasthosts has more than 1,000,000 end customers using its domain, e-mail, Web, and broadband services. The company has won many industry awards for consistently high-value, low-cost services, and its strategy is to automate all aspects of its business to lower overheads and pass these savings on to customers.

Fasthosts wanted to provide an easily accessible, secure, and financially viable server hosting platform. Because the company's entire business is fully automated – from the moment a customer signs up online to the provision and management of a Web domain – all aspects of Fasthosts' dedicated server

offering needed to be fully automated too, without compromising on stability and security. The deployment of large volumes of servers had to be swift and simple and require minimal upkeep and maintenance. Fasthosts considered a Linux platform for delivering its dedicated servers, but found it lacked the speed and flexibility needed to create a competitive offering. Mark Jeffries, Chief Technical Officer, chose to support Fasthosts' infrastructure on Windows Server® 2003 because it provided a stable and secure framework. Jeffries says: "The functionality and reliability provided by Windows Server made it the easy choice for provisioning and deployment versus Linux".

JEFFRIES SPEAKS OUT:

"With Windows Server 2003, we can coordinate building both types of server environments quickly and reliably."

"The fact that we have had so few problems and so many customers is testimony to the stability of the system."

- Mark Jeffries, Chief Technical Officer, Fasthosts