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**PRO-ZETA reaches global Cloud and Managed Services Advanced milestone**

*PRO-ZETA a.s.* announced today that it has achieved *Cisco® Cloud and Managed Services Program (CMSP) Advanced* certification*,* designating PRO-ZETA with the utmost degree of expertise needed to sell and deliver best-of-breed cloud and managed services.

In particular, PRO-ZETA has certified its own platform, the software-defined cloud infrastructure product “Tier5”, as a *“Cisco Powered” Infrastructure as a Service* available worldwide *under the CMSP Advanced* designation*. To be able to offer this service as a Cisco Powered™ Service, PRO-ZETA* needed to complete a rigorous third-party audit to ensure that services are delivered with enterprise-class reliability, security and support.

The Advanced designation recognizes PRO-ZETA's investment and commitment to providing cloud and managed services that meet Cisco’s highest standards.

Tier5 offers customers a highly flexible and automated Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) and Platform-as-a-service (PaaS). Based on company's high-end OpenStack distribution, cloud native software-defined storage BlackStor and infrastructure security components, Tier5 eliminates hardware obsolescence and lock-in to future-proof the facility. The result is PRO-ZETA’s entry to meet customers’ high expectations even as technology advances

Tier5 provides a major reduction in TCO, along with advanced security features and extreme data safety. It is currently available in 6 countries supported by PRO-ZETA’s local network presence and can be deployed to customer’s hosted or on-premise locations as well – in each case backed by the company’s engineering teams, 24/7 support and NOC.

Mr. David Čermák, PRO-ZETA’s CTO, notes: “For us as a long-term Cisco partner, certifying Tier5 as a cloud product just made sense. From our experience selling hardware, we see customers wanting to buy cloud services out of the catalog as just another type of box that “just works”. Our Cisco-based product design streamlines complex cloud deployments into very simple steps. Add on our public cloud experience, and we get major tweaks in security, performance and a birds-eye view of how customers expect things to work.”

Tier5 as a software stack provides a public cloud experience even in a private data center environment - from hardware discovery and automated software installation to always-on 24x7 operation to support for hardware decommissioning. It covers the full lifecycle of IaaS and PaaS clouds, while providing deep insight for operations teams and a simple yet powerful API plus web interface to end customers.

More information can be found at the <http://tier5.cloud/> website.

About PRO-ZETA

PRO-ZETA is a high-tech company providing cloud, infrastructure and advanced security services and products for service providers and data centers. PRO-ZETA is split into service provider and hardware distribution divisions that work closely together to provide end-to-end business services and solutions.

The PRO-ZETA service provider offering covers a wide range of services from VPN/EoMPLS to colocation and IP transit to virtualization to full virtual service infrastructures (IaaS/PaaS), managed backup and disaster recovery in 6 countries and 21 data centers in Central Europe and Asia.

As a hardware distributor and reseller, PRO-ZETA focuses on IP service providers via data center acceleration services, network security, backbone and access technologies, optical components and data center equipment.

With company headquarters and 24x7 NOC based in Prague, PRO-ZETA’s major customers include carriers, service providers, e-commerce portals and data centers in more than 25 countries.

<http://prozeta.eu/>

About Cisco Powered

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