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STARCOMMS PARTNERS POLICE WITH FREE INTERNET ACCESS

As part of Starcomms consistent corporate social responsibility efforts, it has provided the public relations office of the Nigeria Police Force Headquarters annex Lagos with one year free Internet access to help the office handle official messages and general complaints emanating from the public nationwide.

This gesture was a follow up to the donation last year of a complete computer with Starcomms *izap* to the office with one year free internet access. The facilities have helped the Police to promptly address public communication on a daily basis.

In a letter of appreciation from the Police Force to Starcomms and signed by the Assistant Force Public Relations Officer, Ramoni Lawal SP, on behalf of the Force PRO, the security agency reiterated its reliance on Starcomms' facilities for its operation.

"Your kind gesture truly, is seen as your contribution to policing in Nigeria and a manifestation and demonstration of your positive attitude to charity. Apart from the larger number of the Police Commands and Department that will benefit from this gesture, your company has through this gesture impacted positively on Nigerians for whom this office has been the only hope for addressing numerous complaints against Police and members of the public.

You have set the pace for others to emulate and we are very appreciative of the good work you are doing and pray that God will continue to guide you and keep your company strong and successful in all your business endeavours," the letter stated.

Partnership of this kind between Starcomms and the Nigeria Police is part of a larger Starcomms' CSR undertakings to lead the industry in supporting crime fighting in the country.

Apart from the donation to the PR office last year and this year's renewal, the company also supported the Nigeria Police, FCT Command with 1,000 highly subsidized Virtual Private Network (VPN) lines donated to the command in 2007. This was in response to the distress call from the former Police Commissioner for the Federal Capital Territory, Mr. Haruna John.

In addition, the company donated EVDO mobile internet connectivity, raincoats, reflective jackets and torch lights to further assist the police in the discharge of its functions.

Just last month the company was honoured with the White Hat award by Spamhaus, an international organization whose mission is to track the Internet's spam operations in recognition of the company's fight against Internet crimes and its zero tolerance to spam.

Starcomms is the only telecommunication company in Nigeria to be given this recognition.

The White Hat status of Starcomms is considered a giant stride in West Africa by industry minders because 419 and related internet scams are a social problem in the perception of the international community of Nigeria as the biggest telecoms consumer in the sub-region. Starcomms is the largest retail Internet Service Providing telecoms company in the country.

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