

## Press release

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### **Kapsch trains sought-after IT specialists**

**Vienna, 13 December 2011 – Kapsch trains sought-after IT specialists in the ICT Academy. In the fifth year since its launch, 13 young employees successfully completed their supplemental in-service training at Kapsch in December. A total of 600 information and communication technicians have already passed this industry-recognised ICT training.**

The training paths founded in 2007 by A1 and Kapsch in cooperation with the Life Long Learning Academy of the University of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien makes an important contribution to the quality of domestic ICT employees. For budding technicians (mostly apprentices), the ICT Academy leads to certification that is unique in Austria.

The Kapsch Group has offered one of the most renowned and traditional apprentice training courses in the field of technology across Austria for over 70 years. Every year, the Austrian company trains 60 apprentices for itself and around 200 for third parties, in eight different technical and commercial apprenticeship trades.

#### **Apprenticeship as a springboard**

“Kapsch can refer to one of the most renowned domestic apprenticeship training courses in the IT and Telecommunications industry. Embarking on an apprenticeship in our apprentice centre is the springboard to the Kapsch Group. That’s why we place special value on quality and high standards,” explains Rudolf Bernscherer, Head of Human Resources of the Kapsch Group. “With the ICT Academy, our apprentices are always up to date with the latest technology. This makes our future specialists highly sought-after on the labour market.”

#### **ICT certification with industry-wide recognition**

At the ICT Academy, the budding technicians work towards an additional industry-recognised ICT certification on three levels – Basic, Advanced and Professional. They reach Professional Level after completing 30 days of training and successfully passing the final examination. On the first two levels, the training focuses primarily on IP technologies, Transport Services, Mobile & Wireless, IT Security and Soft Skills. These are then dealt with in greater depth in the subsequent Professional Level. The teaching plan for the third level also includes the IT topics of IP-TV and Unified Communications. A1, Kapsch and the University of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien guarantee the long-term compliance with high standards during the training. Graduating from the ICT Academy is thus an important asset for successfully embarking on a career.

**Kapsch** is one of Austria's most successful technology corporations, specialized in the future-oriented market segments of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Railway and Public Operator Telecommunications as well as Information and Communications Technology (ICT). Kapsch is organized as a group company with the entities Kapsch TrafficCom, Kapsch CarrierCom and Kapsch BusinessCom. As a family-owned company headquartered in Vienna, Kapsch has been dedicated to the continuous development and implementation of new technologies for the benefit of its customers since 1892. With a wide range of innovative solutions and services, Kapsch makes a valuable contribution toward responsible approaches to a mobile and networked world. The companies of the Kapsch Group employ more than 4,000 people at subsidiaries and branch offices around the world.

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