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## **IFCA signs Astral Infotech as Business Partner in Vietnam**

- ***To market IFCA's suites of enterprise solutions to the Vietnam market***

**Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh (July 19, 2004)** – IFCA MSC Berhad (“IFCA”), a leading enterprise-wide integrated business solutions provider listed on MESDAQ Market of Bursa Malaysia, today announced that it has appointed Astral Infotech Vietnam Limited (“Astral Infotech”) as a Business Partner for Vietnam.

The Business Partnership Agreement was signed recently between Mr. Leong Nyu Kuan, President of IFCA, and Mr. Krishna Khaitan, General Manager of Astral Infotech.

A subsidiary company of Singapore-based conglomerate Thakral Group, Astral Infotech is a leading IT system integrator and total solution provider in Vietnam. The Thakral Group, founded in 1905, has an international presence in over 30 countries and achieved more than US\$2 billion group revenue in 2003.

Astral Infotech's services include providing of Networking Solutions, Hardware, Software, Maintenance services, Training and Enterprise solutions.

The Business Partnership will see Astral Infotech marketing IFCA's suites of Enterprise Solutions for various market segments in Vietnam, such as the property, financial, construction and golfing industries.

“IFCA is one of the most comprehensive providers of industry-specific enterprise solutions. As we have a diversified portfolio of clients in various industries, it is strategic that we have a supplier with wide-ranging solutions, rather than having to work with various providers,” said Krishna.

“This is another milestone for IFCA in the ASEAN market. With the signing, we now have 18 Business Partners to market IFCA's solutions worldwide,” said Leong. “Plus, having an entrenched player like Astral Infotech as our Business Partner will certainly be a boost to IFCA.”



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### **About IFCA MSC Berhad**

*IFCA MSC Berhad ("IFCA"), an MSC-status company listed on MESDAQ Market of Bursa Malaysia, is a leading enterprise-wide integrated business solutions provider in Malaysia, specializing in integrated software solutions for five main industries, namely Property Development & Management, Construction, Engineering & Project Management, Hospitality, Finance & Leasing, and Manufacturing & Distribution. IFCA's proprietary software includes Property Plus, Contract Plus, Resort Plus, Hotel Plus, Club Plus, Loans Plus, ERP Plus, and Knowledge Plus (incorporating Customer Relationship Management), all marketed under the 'IFCA' brandname. IFCA has a clientele base of more than 15,000 licensed users spanning across 4 continents; namely, Asia, Australia, Europe and Africa. In Malaysia, IFCA's clientele includes leading property developers and construction companies listed on Bursa Malaysia.*

*IFCA's strategic partners include IBM, with whom an ISV Advantage Agreement was signed to leverage on the influential global reach of the world's largest IT company in terms of technology as well as IBM's global network.*

*IFCA, in recognition of its contribution to the ICT industry, has also been the recipients of numerous awards, such as IBM Business Partners Leadership Award, IBM Business Partner Application Solution Award, PIKOM IT Achievement Award, and Microsoft Partners Award.*

*More information about IFCA can be found at [www.myifca.com](http://www.myifca.com).*

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