Infratil's UK data centre Kao Data confirms purchase of new centres

On 5 October 2021, Infratil announced that it had committed £120-130 million of growth capital to London data centre business, Kao Data. That announcement noted that Kao Data had recently signed an agreement to acquire two UK prime location data centres with a long-term anchor lease from a large financial services business.

Infratil advises that Kao Data has now settled the acquisition of those two prime location data centres, which will enable Kao Data to deliver multi-site services for its clients.

The settlement includes an announcement of the availability of a 16 Megawatt (MW), carrier-neutral data centre in Slough, West London.

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Following completion of the acquisition of the data centres, Infratil has now contributed capital of £106.7 million to Kao Data and increased its stake in Kao Data to 40% (previously 20%).

There is no change to Infratil's FY2022 guidance as a result of the increased stake in Kao Data.

A copy of Kao Data's announcement is attached.

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Kao Data expands UK data centre footprint with 16MW facility in Slough

- **16MW data centre significantly expands Kao Data's platform, supporting immediate growth for hyperscale, cloud and enterprise organisations within west London and the M4 corridor.**
- **Highly secure, carrier-neutral data centre will adhere to Kao Data's pioneering design and sustainability principles providing an energy efficient home for high performance colocation.**
- **Facility will offer unmatched scope to customise and bespoke industrial scale deployments, becoming NVIDIA DGX-Ready Data Centre certified and OCP-Ready™.**

London, United Kingdom, 1st February 2022 – Kao Data, the specialist developer and operator of high-performance data centres for enterprise, cloud, HPC and AI, has today announced the availability of a 16 Megawatt (MW), carrier-neutral data centre in Slough, West London. The launch marks a new beginning for Kao Data following the recent investment of approximately £130 million from global infrastructure business Infratil Limited, and will expand its market-leading, ultra-sustainable data centre platform into this globally significant data centre hub.

The build, now underway, will adhere to the high-performance design, efficiency, and operational blueprint of Kao Data's Harlow campus, providing customers with an SLA-backed PUE of <1.2, even at partial loads. From a sustainability standpoint, the new facility will use an ultra-efficient cooling system, be powered by 100% renewable energy, with its backup power generators powered by hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) from the outset, removing fossil fuels in their entirety.

Further, the data centre will provide the industrial-scale capabilities that the Kao Data brand is well-known for. The facility is already set to become NVIDIA DGX-Ready Data Centre certified and OCP-Ready™, serving the needs of high performance computing (HPC), artificial intelligence (AI) and enterprise customers, all of whom rely on the finest, Tier 3 equivalent environments to support and scale their mission-critical workloads.

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"With this move we are excited to be strengthening our data centre footprint across the UK and establish ourselves within the world's second largest data centre hub. Kao Data has seen tremendous growth over the last twelve months, and the launch of our Slough facility is the next step in our continuing development."

With a strong and varied existing customer base from key sectors including financial services, life sciences, defence, artificial intelligence and the cloud, Kao Data's expansion into the West of London presents its current colocation customers with increased diversity and resilience. Further, it offers new customers the immediate scope to quickly scale their existing colocation footprints and safeguard their future power provision.

Finally, with the facility powered with 100% renewable energy, its back-up generators utilising renewable HVO fuel, and its power and cooling architectures providing an ultra-low PUE, Kao Data's data centre will set new standards within Slough for sustainability.

Kao Data's 16MW Slough data centre is available now. For more information visit Kaodata.com

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About Kao Data

Founded in 2014, Kao Data develop and operate high performance data centres for advanced computing. With hyperscale-inspired facilities east and west of London, we provide enterprise, cloud, HPC and AI customers with a world-class home for their compute.

Designed, engineered, and operated by one of the industry's most respected teams, our carrier neutral data centres offer the highest calibre OCP-Ready and DGX-Ready environments. We are the UK's home for the most demanding computing infrastructure, with our east of London facility in Harlow housing NVIDIA's Cambridge-1, the UK's most powerful supercomputer. This is complimented by state-of-the-art facilities in west London, which combined, deliver a data centre footprint of 55MW, all powered by 100% renewable energy.

Backed by leading international investors, Kao Data is one of the UK's most pioneering data centre developers and operators. We underpin our customers' mission-critical workloads with high performance infrastructure, operations and compute efficiencies, representing the future in industrial scale computing.

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