GDS Strengthens Position in Guangzhou Market with Data Center Acquisition

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Facility fully committed by major Internet customer

SHANGHAI, China, Sept. 27, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- GDS Holdings Limited ("GDS Holdings", "GDS" or the "Company") (NASDAQ:GDS), a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China, today announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire an operational data center in Guangzhou ("GZ2"), further positioning the Company for growth in a key Tier 1 market. The GZ2 facility has an IT area of approximately 5,400 sqm, which is fully committed and utilized by a major Internet customer. GZ2 is located adjacent to the Company's Guangzhou 1 ("GZ1") data center, which is also fully committed with another major Internet company as anchor customer. GZ2 came into service in mid-2015 and is already profitable. GDS will further upgrade the power capacity of the GZ2 facility in order to support the Internet customer's growing Cloud business. The acquisition is expected to close later this year, subject to customary closing conditions.

"We are excited to announce the acquisition of another high-performance data center that will strengthen our position in Guangzhou," stated Mr. William Huang, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GDS Holdings. "Strategically located adjacent to our current GZ1 facility, we expect to realize significant synergies between the two facilities as we expand our operations in this important market. Once we complete this new acquisition, we will have the honor of hosting two of China's largest Internet companies within this data center cluster, serving as a testament to our strong capabilities and a validation of our expansion efforts."

About GDS Holdings Limited

GDS Holdings Limited (Nasdaq:GDS) is a leading developer and operator of high-performance data centers in China. The Company's facilities are strategically located in China's primary economic hubs where demand for high-performance data center services is concentrated. The Company's data centers have large net floor area, high power capacity, density and efficiency, and multiple redundancy across all critical systems. GDS is carrier and cloud neutral, which enables customers to connect to all major PRC telecommunications carriers, and to access a number of the largest PRC cloud service providers, whom GDS hosts in its facilities. The Company offers colocation and managed services, including a unique and innovative managed cloud value proposition. The Company has a 16-year track record of service delivery, successfully fulfilling the requirements of some of the largest and most demanding customers for outsourced data center services in China. The Company's base of customers consists predominantly of large Internet companies, financial institutions, telecommunications and IT service providers, and large domestic private sector and multinational corporations.

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