

CrimsonLogic opens African base and hub in Rwanda to increase footprint in continental Africa

- *Office to serve as firm's first East African hub for operations and project implementation across the continent*
- *CrimsonLogic has been working with the Government of Rwanda since 2014 on eGovernance systems*
- *CrimsonLogic implemented projects in 11 African nations, and seeks to increase footprint across African continent*

Singapore, 14 June 2018 – CrimsonLogic, a leading provider of eGovernment products and services headquartered in Singapore, has opened a local office in Rwanda. The office will become the firm's regional hub for business operations and project implementations throughout the African region, especially for East Africa. The firm has been in the African continent for more than 10 years, implementing various digital government and trade-focused projects in countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, and Namibia.

The office, situated on the second floor of M&M Plaza at KG 8 Avenue, Gishushu Remera, Kigali, will also give CrimsonLogic a greater presence in Rwanda, further supporting the firm's partnership with the Rwandan government in helping them to achieve their goals. Rwanda is focused on transforming into a knowledge-based economy by 2020. One of the goals of Vision 2020, the Rwandan government development program, includes developing skilled human capital, especially in information technology.

Mr Eugene Wong, Chairman of CrimsonLogic said: "We are very happy to open our Rwanda office today. CrimsonLogic started working with Rwanda in 2014 and launched IREMBO in 2015, the eCitizen portal that helps Rwandan citizens get government services online, and we are committed to continue contributing to Rwanda's vision to be a knowledge-based economy by 2020. We sincerely thank Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State for Ministry of Trade & Industry, and Ministry of National Development for officiating our office opening here today. This marks a major milestone in our relationship with Rwanda and the greater Africa continent. Rwanda has an investment-friendly environment for Singapore companies and is also a very



clean city. The country welcomes Singapore companies as they trust us to bring both innovation and quality in partnerships towards building their digital economy.”

The partnership between CrimsonLogic and Rwanda started in 2014. CrimsonLogic, as a partner to RwandaOnline Platform Limited (ROPL), was tasked to build the technology powering IREMBO – a digital platform for all Government-to-Citizen (G2C) and Government-to-Business (G2B) eService transactions in partnership with ROPL and Rwanda Development Board ICT Department (RDB ICT).

To date, IREMBO has digitized 86 government services, which were previously done manually. The platform conducts more than 200,000 online transactions on a monthly basis, enabling better interactions between citizens, businesses and the Rwandan government.

“Our office opening in Rwanda came as a natural next step in our firm’s presence and operations across the African continent. As we grow from strength to strength in Rwanda, and continue to expand across the African continent, Kigali is the optimal base and hub for our operations and project implementations for us to strengthen our position in East Africa, and look forward to replicating the success we’ve experienced here to other African nations,” said Mr Saw Ken Wye, CEO of CrimsonLogic.

CrimsonLogic has implemented projects in 10 other African nations in addition to Rwanda – Botswana, Djibouti, Ghana, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia and Tanzania, – where the firm has conceptualised and implemented products and solutions spanning across digital government, eJudiciary and eTrade applications.

In addition to software solutions that enhance greater interactivity between citizens, businesses and the government, CrimsonLogic has also collaborated with local agencies to supplement the local IT talent pool. Rwanda Technology Associate Programme (RTAP) saw CrimsonLogic invests in close to 10 local graduates annually. The programme gives them on-the-job training and practical working experience on real-life projects, and offers them gainful employment and professional certification in due course.

“Our partnership with CrimsonLogic has beneficial in helping us achieve our vision to transform Government service delivery. Together with ROPL and RDB, IREMBO has brought significant impact in how our citizens engage with their government, and is significantly contributing to Rwanda’s transition to a knowledge economy. We are happy that CrimsonLogic has chosen Rwanda as its base for its East African operations, and see it as a testament of the strong working relationship we managed to cultivate over the years. We wish the firm lasting success in Africa, and for our partnership to grow



from strength to strength," said Mr Clement Uwajenezza, CEO of ROPL.

The office opening was held on 14 June, and was attended by Singapore's Senior Minister of State, Dr. Koh Poh Koon, as well as various representatives from the Singapore Business Federation, the Rwanda Government and RwandaOnline Platform Limited.

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About CrimsonLogic

CrimsonLogic is a trusted partner to governments. For more than 25 years, CrimsonLogic has worked with governments around the world to find innovative and sustainable solutions to collaborate more seamlessly with their citizens. The company has continued to set industry-standards by delivering world-first eGovernment solutions. CrimsonLogic provides end-to-end services, from designing to operating these services to drive substantial and lasting improvements. For more information, please visit www.crimsonlogic.com.

About RwandaOnline

RwandaOnline (www.rwandaonline.rw) is, at its core, a pure game changer in the continent as it aims to positively improve the lives of Rwandan citizens and businesses by enabling the digitisation of all government services. The company employs 40 persons and is focused on its mission to "Build and operate a platform that enables the automated and online provision of services to citizens and businesses" by leveraging on the strong alliances they have built with key local and international partner.

About RDB

RDB Vision is to transform Rwanda into a dynamic global hub for business, investment, and innovation. The scope of our work includes all aspects related to the development of the private sector. This involves working with and addressing the needs of companies of all sizes (large, SMEs) and both local and foreign investors.