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With Orange, the Palace of Versailles and Robosoft, discover for the first time private areas of the Palace thanks to very high-speed broadband

From June 7 to 27, 2007, Orange fibre customers will be able to enjoy a remote tour of the rooms in the palace of Versailles inaccessible to the general public by steering, from their PC, a robot fitted with a camera. A world first that brings together culture, high-speed broadband and robotics.

During this experimental phase, Orange fibre customers will be able to discover the collection in the Chimay rooms, which are generally closed to the general public. Accompanied by an explanatory voice commentary, the images of the works filmed by the robot will be broadcast live in high definition. This unique technological innovation is made possible by fibre optics and a visiophony system developed in the Orange Labs. These free tours, lasting 20 minutes, will be available every day from 9 am to 1 pm and 6 pm to 10 pm. Orange "fibre" subscribers can book tours since June 4 on the high-speed broadband portal at www.orange.fr.

This experimental phase is part of the GVN project (Grand Versailles Numérique (Digital Great Versailles)). Launched by the Palace of Versailles in 2005, GVN's aim is to imagine, test and then deploy new digital tools designed to enrich visits to the museum and the Versailles estate. It is a research and experimentation programme that merges culture and technology. A prototype of GVN could be duplicated in other cultural sites, in France and throughout the world. The innovations contained in this project are linked to improving the reception, information and orientation of the public, preparation, enrichment and prolongation of the visit, sharing knowledge and exchanges between visitors.

Robosoft, a worldwide leader in service robotics solutions, has prepared and loaned the project one of its robuters®. The robuter is an intelligent mobile robot equipped with a camera, and able to perform pre-programmed themed visits, or to be remote controlled on demand from any PC connected to the Internet. This world first is a clear illustration of Robosoft's vision that, by 2011, robuters will change our daily lives, particularly through functions like tele-presence, which is demonstrated today in the Palace of Versailles.

Exclusively available on Orange fibre, this experiment illustrates one of the uses made possible by fibre optics and opens up perspectives in other fields (tourism, cultural, educational, medical, security, etc.) or in the search for solutions to facilitate access to cultural events for people with reduced mobility.

For more information on the Orange "fibre" offer (Internet up to 100Mb/s, digital television, telephone, etc.) and the deployment zones: www.avoirlafibre.com or 0800 10 75 75.

Visuals are available from the France Telecom Media Library:
<http://www.francetelecom.com/fr/espaces/journalistes/mediatheque/photo/index.jsp>
or mediatheque.contact@orange-ftgroup.com or  **0 800 800 334**





About Orange

Orange is the key brand of France Telecom, one of the world's leading telecommunications operators with more than 161 million customers on five continents.

In June, 2006, as part of the France Telecom integrated operator strategy (NExT programme) to deliver simple, convergent products, Orange became the single brand for mobile, internet and tv offers in France, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and in Spain, strengthening Orange's position as the number two mobile and internet services brand in Europe. In addition, Orange Business Services, which operates in 220 countries or territories, became the new banner for business communications solutions and services.

France Telecom (NYSE:FTE) is listed on Euronext Paris Eurolist market and on the New York Stock Exchange. At March 31, 2007, the group had more than 100 million mobile customers, about 12.5 million internet customers and 48.5 million fixed line customers.

In 2006, France Telecom had consolidated sales of 51.7 billion euros.

Further information about Orange and France Telecom can be found on the Orange website at www.orange.com, www.orange-business.com or the France Telecom at www.francetelecom.com.

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About the Palace of Versailles

An outstanding world heritage site that welcomes nearly 10 million visitors annually, the Palace of Versailles has been a royal residence, history museum and national palace or the seat of Parliament in Congress. Thus, more than a hundred rooms in the palace bear witness to the splendours of the former royal residence, while another hundred present, over 10,000 m², the remarkable collection of paintings and sculptures of the Museum of the History of France, created by Louis-Philippe in 1837. Apart from the three historic residences that are the Château, le Grand Trianon and le Petit Trianon, the Versailles estate includes the great baroque garden designed by Le Nôtre, with its woods or intimate green areas, the Trianon and Hameau gardens of Queen Marie-Antoinette and, finally, a wooded park set on both sides of the Grand Canal. The ensemble covers 800 hectares. In 1995, the palace of Versailles was given the status of a public establishment with an administrative vocation and placed under the aegis of the Culture Ministry. This status was aimed at the greater development of essential missions, such as the conservation, scientific study and promotion of the collections, the buildings and the gardens, education training and research in the field of history, art history, museography, music and the performing arts. This status also grants it greater management autonomy allowing it to complete major restoration projects, improve public reception facilities and maintain cultural activity in keeping with the site.

More information on: www.gvn.chateauversailles.fr

About Robosoft

ROBOSOFT is Europe's leading company in service robotics and one of the world leaders in solutions in this field. Thanks to its technical and scientific expertises, ROBOSOFT has been supplying complete robotics solutions to the transport, cleanliness, surveillance, health and research markets since 1985.

Beyond professional applications, a new era of personal robotics is opening up. ROBOSOFT thinks that its service robots, called "roboters", will be a feature of everyday life by 2011. The forecasts of the *Japan Robotics Association* back this: in 2011, the world market of personal and service robotics will represent more than \$ 17 billion. By then, roboters will make easier everyone's personal life, in a wide range of applications – entertainment, education, culture, medical, transport, assistance to elderly and handicapped people, etc. To make these applications possible, ROBOSOFT already integrates 80 % of service robot software complexity in its robuBOX®, a software module based on Microsoft® Robotics Studio, which is licenced to integrators and large-scale robot manufacturers.

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