

## Altech Kenya Data Networks appoints CEO

JSE-listed Allied Technologies Limited (Altech) has announced the appointment of Shahab Meshki as CEO of Altech Kenya Data Networks (KDN), effective yesterday, 1 November 2011.



Shahab Meshki, newly appointed CEO of Altech Kenya Data Networks

KDN, a Kenyan registered communications company that operates the largest data and internet backbone East Africa, provides a comprehensive suite of services over its 6 000km fibre optic network, including Internet Protocol services, broadband transport, infrastructure and collocation services.

Meshki, with over 20 years of working experience in the information technology and telecommunications sector, brings a wealth of global management experience and expertise in the convergence of IT and telecommunication services.

Meshki began his career with the Siemens AG (Germany) Automation Division in charge of software and hardware development and later marketing and sales of network analyzers. In 1995 he moved to Cisco where he held various channel and sales management positions responsible for global accounts and business development. In 2002 he moved with his family to Kenya to establish Cisco's presence in East Africa.

As general manager for Cisco in East Africa until October 2011, he was responsible for running the sales operation in Kenya focusing on key accounts in the corporate, government and service provider markets of the East African region. In this time, he achieved growth of approximately 1000% for Cisco's business of products and services and established East Africa as one of Cisco's fastest growing regions on the continent

Meshki will report to Tim Ellis, Altech group executive: converged services, and will be responsible for creating the vision, business architecture and go-to-market strategy for KDN.

"We are delighted to welcome Shahab to Altech and I am confident that his global management experience, his expertise in the convergence of IT and telecommunication services, his operational excellence and his skills in building high performance teams will position KDN as a key data communications carrier of carrier in the region," said Ellis.

