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## HiQ and Veikkaus extend partnership with new framework agreement

**The Finnish National Lottery Veikkaus extends its co-operation with HiQ. The companies have signed a framework agreement regarding software development services. The agreement is valid until further notice.**

The new framework agreement continues a partnership between Veikkaus and HiQ that has lasted 20 years. In 1988 HiQ Softplan began developing solutions for Veikkaus's online gaming system, in 1996 the collaboration extended to the development of interactive gaming solutions, and since 2005 HiQ has developed Veikkaus's [www.veikkaus.fi](http://www.veikkaus.fi) Internet gaming service as a subcontractor to GTECH, a leading global provider of IT solutions and services to the gaming and lottery industry.

“Our collaboration with GTECH will continue as before – the new agreement covers other areas of system and software development. For instance, there are plans to renew parts of Veikkaus' non-gaming-related Internet services”, says Pekka Neva, MD of HiQ Softplan.

“Our long-term collaboration with Veikkaus has been successful. Veikkaus is one of the most progressive national lottery companies in the world, and it has been a pleasure to develop new solutions with them. We are very pleased to see the co-operation extend to new areas”, Pekka Neva adds.

“HiQ has been a reliable partner for us, and their expertise has proven very valuable over the years. We are happy to see our co-operation continue”, says Esa Valtonen, Vice President Production, Veikkaus.

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Veikkaus is the Finnish National Lottery. In 2007 Veikkaus' turnover was approximately EUR 1.4 billion. The proceeds are used to support the Finnish culture – arts, sports, youth work and science. Veikkaus employs 370 lottery professionals. For more information, please visit [www.veikkaus.fi](http://www.veikkaus.fi)

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