

Axis network cameras curb loitering risk.

Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) counters frequent security challenges by investing in a surveillance upgrade.



Organization:
Nigerian Communications
Commission (NCC)

Location:
Nigeria

Industry segment:
Government

Application:
Safety and security,
remote monitoring

Axis partner:
Servicetex-Sybernautix

Mission

The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) is the independent National Regulatory Authority for the telecommunications industry in Nigeria. After experiencing loitering of unauthorised personnel in sensitive areas, e.g. the generator house, the store and the back gate, plus theft of cables and other store items, the NCC issued a tender to review and upgrade its surveillance systems to be adequately aware of activities both in- and outside of its premises.

Solution

NCC awarded the 35-camera license, surveillance tender to Servicetex-Sybernautix Nigeria Ltd. The existing system was upgraded to an Axis surveillance solution incorporating AXIS Camera station to manage the PTZs as well as fixed network cameras.

Servicetex-Sybernautix consistently uses Axis network cameras in their surveillance deployment due to the image quality, reliability and performance. AXIS Camera Station was used to harness and maximize all the features of the Axis network cameras.

Result

The Axis surveillance solution provides superior image quality with sharper images. Through this upgrade and heightened location awareness, NCC can now rest assured of its readiness to monitor and manage previously high-risk security areas on its premises.

“We are so impressed with the customer-centric, security solution provided to offer us peace-of-mind, and best-in-class quality surveillance.”

Mr. Godwin Owoh, Chief Security Officer, Nigerian Communications Commission.

Shielding a national cash cow

The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) plays a critical role in managing the country's telecommunications industry, which was recently cited as the fastest growing telecommunications market globally¹. Its market is estimated to generate over \$11 billion by 2019² and is already contributing 8.5% to the country's GDP.

The NCC experienced frequent security challenges including the presence of roving individuals around unauthorised areas at its premises, and the pilfering of items from its store, as well as cable theft, which has an enormous impact on a country's economy, infrastructure and costs. Moreover, Nigeria was on high security alert following the threatening activities of an insurgency group, and a bomb blast in Abuja attributed political tension. The Commission had to be adequately aware of activities both inside and outside its premises and subsequently issued a tender to review and upgrade its surveillance systems.

Industry watchdog gets a new guardian

Servicetex-Sybernautix Nigeria Ltd. was awarded the surveillance tender. Established in 2010, the reseller has built up a strong brand equity based on its innovative solutions and successfully implemented installations across blue chip clients.

By understanding the unique, industry-specific challenges NCC faced, Servicetex-Sybernautix identified and focused on the most essential areas to install the surveillance system, presenting both indoor and outdoor solutions.

“Axis cameras are renowned for image clarity, reliability and performance, and as an Authorised partner to Axis, we consistently work with its cameras in surveillance deployment. Having previously used other brands, I can confidently recommend Axis Communications as the number one camera vendor of choice without question,” explains Chris Adigwu, Managing Director/CEO of Servicetex-Sybernautix Nigeria Ltd.

“We felt that the AXIS M3024-LVE Network Camera and AXIS Q6042-E PTZ Dome Network Camera would provide NCC with generous coverage of their high security risk areas,” Mr. Adigwu continued.

The affordable AXIS M3024-LVE is a vandal-resistant HDTV fixed mini dome for exceptional video during day and night conditions, while the advanced, outdoor-ready PTZ dome, AXIS Q6042-E, is also vandal-resistant and offers 36x optical zoom, plus fast and precise pan/tilt performance for wide area coverage and zoom-in detail.

Using these network cameras in conjunction with AXIS Camera Station, the surveillance footage can employ all features of the cameras and be easily monitored by the customer. Furthermore, footage storage is enabled with motion detection only,” he adds.

Focus on what we do best

“Now that we have a birds-eye view of those areas that were previously our high-risk security areas on our premises, we can truly rest assured and focus on our business. We are super impressed with the high resolution images that these cameras are able to capture. We're also pleased with the professional approach taken by Servicetex-Sybernautix. We look forward to working with them when further expansion becomes a reality,” comments Mr. Godwin Owoh, Chief Security Officer, Nigerian Communications Commission.



¹Thisdaylive.com on 6 August 2015: 'Mobile internet penetration rises to 88 million'

²22 June 2015: Industry research conducted by Pyramid research team