

stomer enquiries, sale of products and configuration of handsets for Glo's numerous value added services. Speaking at the event, the Managing Director of lowworld, Sade Boyede said since the opening of the first lowworld shop in September 2003, the company has not wavered in its determination to make Globacom's services available to every Nigerian. She added that Globacom, being a master of many firsts in the telecommunications industry, has the largest number of retail shops in the industry. The Dean of Student Affairs, Benue State University, Professor Ada, said that Globacom had, by the commissioning of the new shop, gone a step further in linking Benue state with the rest of the world. A Makurdi based businessman, Chief S.J.I. Akure, lauded the company for opening the shop in the state. He said "the presence of Globacom matters a lot for us in Makurdi". "We now have a lot of relief with the opening of this shop because if we have any questions, we will be able to get the answers right here in Makurdi", he said.

chip technologies and PC platform solutions, has announced with partners Evesham Technology and Tranquil PC the world's first Carbon Free Computers based on the ultra energy-efficient VIA processor platform. As awareness of the effects of carbon dioxide (CO2) on global warming grows, individuals, governments, and organisations are searching for ways to reduce their Carbon Footprint, demanding better energy efficiency and greater environmental awareness in the

## SmartSwitch Nigeria Appoints CEO, CMO

SmartSwitch Nigeria Limited, Nigeria's most versatile cashless solutions provider, has announced the appointment of two key executives to run the affairs of the company. Mr. Olatokunbo Kotoye, a computer expert, becomes the pioneer Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with Mr.



• Kotoye

joined with leading UK system integrators Tranquil PC and Evesham Technology to launch the world's first Carbon Free personal computers, based on the VIA C7-D processor, the world's first carbon free processor launched last month. These systems bring together ultra-energy efficient operation and any CO2 emissions produced from the operation of the systems over their lifetime are offset through UK based projects in energy conservation, reforestation, and alternative energy. Kelechi Dozie as the Chief Marketing Officer (CMO). SmartSwitch Nigeria is a company established in June 2006 as collaboration among some Nigeria blue-chip companies which include Diamond Bank Limited, Innovative Capital and Investment Limited and Net 1 UEPS Technologies Incorporated, a South Africa based company. The new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Kotoye, obtained a Bsc (Hons) degree in Computing Studies from the Southbank University, London and Msc in Business Systems Analysis and Design from the City University, London. He also has an advanced diploma in Computing from the United States. Kotoye started his career as a consultant in London with CWB Systems Services, a specialist financial technology consultancy company and later worked with

MHz, faster feeds, and today more cores, all of which dramatically increase the electricity demands of not just the CPU, but all the other supporting components regardless of application necessity," commented Richard Brown, Vice President of Marketing, VIA Technologies, Inc. "Today together with Evesham and Tranquil, VIA is showing a different path for the industry, one that focuses on energy-efficient performance and environmental sustainability. NatWest Markets, one of the largest investment banks in London. In 1995, he set up Creative Telecoms and Technologies, a service company that specializes in providing a broad range of quality systems solutions to many banks and financial institutions. Mr. Kelechi Dozie holds a Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of North Carolina in the United States of America and began his career at the Cash Management department of Standard Chartered Bank of Nigeria. A member of CIMA and CPI, Kelechi has worked through various departments including cash management, leaving the banking industry as head of Payment Services department of Diamond Bank Plc before moving over to join SmartSwitch Nigeria, the leading e-payment solution provider in Africa.

Strong sales of plasma panels and plasma and LCD digital TV business led a 18.9 per cent jump QoQ in sales of Digital Display business, and sales in Mobile Communications showed QoQ increase of 4.7 per cent and 5.3 per cent from the handset business, thanks to strong performance in open markets and robust Chocolate phone sales in North America. Exports recorded USD 4.74 billion, amounting to 75 per cent of total sales. Mqobile Communication Company recorded sales of

units from 9.1 million units worldwide driven by strong performance in North America geared Chocolate phones and Kor Boosts in open markets drove growth in GSM area to 5.6 million units from 4.8 million units. sales by region, rise in North America of 45 per cent from the previous quarter was remarkable. Sales in Digital Applia business are expected to continue growth by expanding premium appliance products such as side-by-side refrigerators, steam drum-

## Nokia To Raise Youth Awareness Through ICT Tools

Nokia and the international children's organisation (Plan) have joined forces to use modern communications technologies in Africa to raise children's awareness of their rights and opportunities. To achieve this, Nokia has provided an initial donation of one million (1million) Euros for 2006. The first stage of this new joint effort would see Nokia focus on supporting Plan's existing media and communications technology projects for Africa's children and youth. "We believe that we can have a positive impact through mobile technology as it is used to enable young people to realise their full potential. The aim of our cooperation with Plan is to fight poverty by empowering African

youth and giving them a through the use of technology has a good existing network positive track record and extensive experience in using technology youth development in Africa was therefore, a very good fit for Nokia," said Veli Suni Executive Vice President, Corporate Relations and Responsibility Nokia. According to Plan CEO Miller "Plan is committed working in partnerships, first with local groups or governments in the countries where we work also with like-minded organisations like Nokia. that this cooperation will long-term sustainable be hundreds of communities developing world."