

Gateway's global expansion to cost \$35 mn

IT and ITeS co to have new set up in SEZ

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Ahmedabad-based Gateway TechnoLabs plans to raise \$35 million (approx Rs 13,727 crore) in the next six months for its global expansion plans. The IT and ITeS company will also have a new 2 lakh sq ft set up at an IT SEZ in the state. It will also increase its employee strength to 1,200 by March 2008.

The company, which had a growth rate of about 300% last year, expects to notch another 80% till March 2008. It is also targeting revenue of \$18 million for the current financial year compared to its \$10.2 million revenue last year.

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"Of the \$35 million to be raised as capital, 60% will be used for overseas acquisitions, 20% for domestic acquisition and the rest for infrastructure development," said managing director, Gateway Technology, Niraj Gemawat.

He was speaking at a press conference announcing the merger of NINtec BV of Netherlands as its 100% subsidiary on Tuesday.

When asked if its new unit was to come up in Ahmedabad, Gemawat said, "We wish to remain near the city as it is difficult to find such a market at places away from the city. The new unit at the IT SEZ will function as our main centre and will have an investment of about Rs 40 crore."

The company currently has two centres in Ahmedabad set up with an investment of Rs 15 crore.

The outsourcing and offshore software service company exports its products to Europe, US, Australia, Middle East and others. The company gets 55% of its business from Europe, 40% from US and rest from other countries.