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NETGEAR partners with Cirrus to service regional VoIP market

Wholesale VoIP solution cutting costs for regional consumers

Sydney, Australia (May 4, 2006) – NETGEAR (Nasdaq: NTGR), a leading provider of easy-to-use, high-performance networking products has partnered with regional telecommunications carrier Cirrus Communications and broadband service provider Broadband Phone to launch a wholesale Voice-over-IP (VoIP) product for regional customers.

Cirrus Communications services clients on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and the Central Coast and Central West of New South Wales. The carrier is expanding rapidly and has plans to move into three more territories by the end of April.

“Cirrus Communications has a very strong profile in the regional telecommunications market,” said Ryan Parker, Director of Partnerships and Services at NETGEAR. “This partnership provides customers with an all-in-one VoIP solution -- bundling broadband access with the required hardware and the telecommunications connection. The end product is easy to install, reduces reliance on a fixed line and most importantly, is a great value-for-money product which reduces call costs.”

Dr Eric Heyde, CEO of Cirrus Communications said “the biggest issue for telecommunications consumers living in regional areas is cost. Regional customers generally make more STD and mobile phone calls than city dwellers and subsequently have larger phone bills. VoIP frees-up consumers in terms of competitive choice and offers them a cheaper alternative to current fixed-line services. Cirrus Communications has been monitoring the rising popularity of VoIP and was very keen to offer its customers this new technology -- we just had to find the right partners to ensure our customers would get a high-quality service.”

Cirrus Communications has called its new VoIP service KISS -- Keeping It So Simple. “VoIP provides customers with a very powerful tool which the every-day consumer can understand and easily implement in their home,” explained Heyde.

The Cirrus Communications product offers free calls between KISS customers and local, intercity or interstate calls for \$0.10 fixed rate untimed. Mobile calls are charged at \$0.29 per minute and international rates range from \$0.035 a minute.

“We chose NETGEAR as our technology partner due to their market position and reputation -- they have a profoundly powerful name in the business,” said Heyde.

About Broadband Phone

Broadband Phone is an Australian-owned company and a leader in VoIP development with over eight years adapting this technology for various uses. It has its own POPs (Points of Presence) in all major capital city centres in Australia, New Zealand and a number of overseas cities. It operates over one million active customer accounts, switches in excess of 10 million minutes per month, and has wholesale agreements with a number of Australian and overseas carriers. Broadband Phone offers two very competitive VoIP retail plans, showcasing its technical capability. It has developed a number of wholesale, turn key solutions for SMEs and ISPs wishing to offer branded voice services as additional value added service to their customers. For further information visit the company’s website at www.broadbandphone.com.au and www.bbpglobal.com or contact Miranda Wong on 02 9209 4619.

About Cirrus Communications

Cirrus Communications Pty Limited is an infrastructure based telecommunications carrier focused on providing high quality Internet and telephony services to business and domestic customers in regional Australia. Cirrus has network infrastructure in the Central Coast and Central West of New South Wales, and the Sunshine Coast and Hervey Bay in Queensland and is expanding rapidly. For further information visit the company’s website at www.cirruscomms.com.au, or contact Dr Eric Heyde on 02 4336 2000.

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NETGEAR (Nasdaq: NTGR) designs technologically advanced, branded networking products that address the specific needs of businesses and home users. Headquartered in Santa Clara, California, NETGEAR’s suite of approximately 100 products enables users to share Internet access, peripherals, files, digital multimedia content and applications among multiple personal computers and other Internet-enabled devices. For more information, visit the company’s website at www.netgear.com.au or call 02 8448 2072.

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