



## **Barrett Xplore Inc. expands its presence in Québec**

*Purchases 3.5 GHz WiMAX spectrum in Québec and welcomes Michel Clair to its Board of Advisors*

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**Woodstock, NB – August 12, 2009** — Barrett Xplore Inc. is pleased to announce that it has acquired 3.5 GHz WiMAX spectrum and welcomes Michel Clair to its Board of Advisors. Both of these announcements help to entrench Barrett Xplore as the largest rural provider of broadband in the country, and confirm Barrett Xplore’s commitment in Québec.

The acquisition of 3.5 GHz WiMAX spectrum from Telecom Warwick allows Barrett Xplore to reach over 750,000 Québécois and enables the deployment of robust WiMax based Xplornet high-speed broadband Internet service into currently un-served and under-served regions of rural Quebec. This spectrum covers several regions in Québec, including La Montérégie, the Eastern Townships, and several MRCs in Le Centre du Québec and les Bois Francs.

“Barrett Xplore is committed to expanding in Québec and this acquisition helps us take the next important step towards providing more Québécois with urban-quality, high-speed Internet access.” noted Charles Beaudet, Barrett Xplore Inc. General Manager for Québec and the Atlantic provinces.

The acquisition of these licences follows Barrett Xplore’s recent network deployment in the Thetford Mines area. In May, Barrett Xplore began offering rural Québécois in this area Xplornet high-speed Internet services using its newly constructed fixed wireless network. With today’s WiMAX announcement, residents in the Thetford Mines region will now receive additional coverage with 3.5 GHz WiMAX spectrum.

“In addition to the spectrum announcement, I am pleased to announce that Michel Clair has joined the Barrett Xplore Inc. Board of Advisors.” said company chairman Bill Barrett. “Michel brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our organization that will help us to build on the incredible success of Xplornet Internet services in Thetford Mines and the opportunities created by these new licences.”

Michel has worked in the technology sector and a number of health-related organizations. He has extensive experience in public and governmental affairs, policies and strategies. Mr. Clair also served as Executive Vice President of Hydro-Québec. Since January 2003, he has been the President and General Manager of Sedna Health Group



and he is also President of the Université de Sherbrooke Alumni Association, an ambassador for Scout Québec, a member of the Board of Directors of the Hôpital Louis-H. Lafontaine, and of L'Unique, an insurance company associated with the La Capitale Financial Group.

**About Barrett Xplore Inc.**

Barrett Xplore Inc. operates XplorNet Internet Services, Canada's largest rural broadband provider, with customers and dealers in every province and territory. Barrett Xplore Inc. aims to bridge the urban/rural digital divide by ensuring that every Canadian, regardless of where they live, has access to broadband, thereby enabling them to compete effectively in the global economy and gain access essential government and educational services. [www.xplornet.com](http://www.xplornet.com)

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