



Barrett Expands its National Broadband Reach

**Acquisitions of Rural WiMAX Spectrum and Satellite Capacity Position
Barrett as Canada's Rural Broadband Leader**

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WOODSTOCK, NB – Barrett Xplore Inc. is pleased to announce that it has expanded the reach of its Xplornet high-speed broadband Internet service to approximately 4 million rural and underserved Canadians. 3.5 GHz WiMAX spectrum, covering over 2 million Canadians located across Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, has been acquired from MIPPS Inc. When combined with its existing spectrum in Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, approximately 4 million rural and underserved Canadians are now covered by the WiMAX spectrum used for Xplornet's urban quality broadband service. In addition, Barrett Xplore Inc. has recently expanded its satellite capacity to now enable delivery of broadband service to 200,000 customers living almost anywhere in Canada.

"These considerable investments in licensed spectrum and satellite capacity demonstrate Barrett's commitment to rural broadband and strengthens our ability to reach rural Canadian households with cost effective, high-speed Internet," said John Maduri, CEO of Barrett Xplore Inc. "These assets are the critical ingredients in our unique and successful hybrid business model aimed at delivering broadband service to all rural Canadians."

While Barrett continues with its rural broadband mission, MIPPS Inc. is pursuing its own business plans. "Strategically, this deal with Barrett Xplore Inc. fits because we plan to focus on the urban business model," said Joe Boutros, President of MIPPS Inc. "Our ongoing relationship and cooperation agreement will allow both Barrett Xplore Inc. and MIPPS customers to benefit from our respective WiMAX plans."

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 level the playing field and bridge the urban/rural digital divide for rural Canadians by ensuring that every Canadian, regardless of where they live, has access to real broadband, enabling them to compete effectively in the global economy, as well as providing access to government and educational services. www.xplornet.com



About MIPPS Inc.

MIPPS Inc., a privately owned Canadian wireless company, affiliated with Primus Telecommunications, holds 3.5 GHz WiMAX spectrum in 35 licensed areas covering most major cities and towns across Canada, potentially serving a population of more than 18 million.

MIPPS Inc. enables service providers to deliver new multimedia and interactive applications over a high quality Wireless Broadband Access network to businesses and consumers at home, work, and play, almost anywhere, anytime. MIPPS' mission is to provide its customers with the best Wireless Broadband Access network solution, using the reliable, licensed 3.5 GHz spectrum and state-of-the-art 802.16e-2005 WiMAX technology and is currently conducting users trials in Toronto and Hamilton. www.mipps.com

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