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Barrett Xplore Inc. Announces Fixed Wireless High-Speed Internet Plan *K-Line Construction Ltd. Awarded Contract to Build Towers*

Woodstock, N.B. – Barrett Xplore Inc., through its Xplornet brand, today released detailed plans to build and upgrade approximately 180 fixed wireless towers throughout rural New Brunswick.

While the completion date for the fixed wireless network is no later than July 2010, high-speed Internet access is now available to all New Brunswickers via satellite.

The province's landscape of tall trees and rolling terrain, in combination with relatively low population density, makes it challenging in terms of delivering high-speed Internet service using fixed wireless technology only. Xplornet will use fixed wireless towers wherever possible and satellite services for areas that cannot be serviced by the towers.

"Today's announcement means a very busy year ahead for our team and our retail network as we begin the work of installing or upgrading about 180 towers throughout the province," said Charles Beaudet, General Manager for Eastern Canada. "We understand New Brunswickers are anxious to receive high-speed Internet. We want them to know that high-speed Internet is available today via satellite and that the plan we announced today will allow us to offer the fixed wireless option to as many homes as possible, as quickly as possible."

Work on the fixed wireless network will begin immediately and will focus simultaneously in a number of areas in the province. Some rural areas near and around Florenceville, Grand Falls, Nackawic, Woodstock, Caraquet, Bouctouche, Moncton, Hampton, Oromocto, St. Stephen, Dalhousie and Perth Andover will be among the first to receive access via fixed wireless. These towers, to be completed by the end of the summer, were identified as the ones that will allow the company to reach the greatest number of households and business customers in the shortest timeframe.

To help consumers better understand what services are available to them, Xplornet has launched a Coverage Locator tool on www.highspeednb.com. This tool will allow all New Brunswickers to enter their address to determine what technology, services and pricing are available at their location. Households and businesses without Internet access can also call 1-866-841-6001 to access the same information.

"Our team understands how important it is for all New Brunswickers to have the best of both worlds – the lifestyle they want and a connection to communities around the globe," continues Beaudet. "There is no reason why one should be sacrificed for the other."

Barrett Xplore Inc. is working with K-Line Construction Ltd., a New Brunswick company that is a leader in the engineering and construction of information infrastructures, to help with the construction of the fixed wireless network.

"K-Line is both pleased and excited to be part of this tremendous project. It is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit that continues to thrive in rural New Brunswick that two firms with roots in a small town are at the forefront of advanced communications," says Gary Keenan, President and Owner, K-Line Construction Ltd. "I am proud that K-Line has its part to play in further improving access to broadband and consequently improving the competitiveness and self-sufficiency of New Brunswick."



K-Line Construction introduced New Brunswick to wireless Internet through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Aernet Wireless, in 2003, which Xplornet purchased in the fall of 2008. This combination of engineering, construction and wireless experience makes K-Line an ideal partner for Barrett Xplore in this broadband build.

New broadband customers will pay \$99 for professional installation, regardless of where they live or the type of technology offered. Customers are charged a monthly fee of \$44.99 for fixed wireless or \$49.99 for satellite. These fees include the rental cost of equipment, and are without a fixed contract term.

“Connecting people in rural communities with high-speed Internet access opens up a world of possibilities and allows them to participate fully in the global economy,” continued Beaudet. “It also provides quick and easy access to government, educational and health services.”

For more information on high-speed in New Brunswick, please visit www.highspeednb.com or, call toll-free 1-866-841-6001.

About Barrett Xplore Inc.

Headquartered in Woodstock, New Brunswick, 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

About K-Line Constructions Ltd.

K-Line Construction Ltd. is a leader in the engineering and construction of information infrastructures. K-Line has engineered and installed thousands of kilometres of fibre, copper, and coaxial cable throughout the Atlantic Provinces for high-speed internet, telephone and television service. The civil construction division includes the design and installation of signing and lighting systems, grading and project management.

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