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Kent County Receives Fixed Wireless High-Speed Internet

Woodstock, N.B. – Barrett Xplore Inc., through its Xplornet brand, announced today that areas in Kent County now have high-speed Internet access through fixed wireless technology as well as satellite.

Kent County is the first county to access high-speed Internet via fixed wireless technology as part of a government contract to bring high-speed Internet access to all New Brunswickers by July 2010.

"New Brunswick is a leader in Internet access, and this initiative will maintain our competitive edge in the increasingly connected global economy," said Premier Shawn Graham. "Our government's investment of \$13 million toward this project will help bridge the Internet service gap between urban and rural New Brunswick. I am pleased that residents and business owners in Kent County will have access to this crucial service, allowing them to live, work and play in their own communities. I look forward to seeing the project roll out to the rest of the province by July 2010."

In Kent County, five towers have been built or upgraded recently near Bouctouche, Galloway, Richibucto, Saint Ignace and Saint-Norbert. An additional four towers will be in place by September near St. Damien, Bass River, Adamsville and Saint-Paul.

"Connecting people in rural communities with high-speed access opens up a world of possibilities and allows them to participate fully in the global economy," said Charles Beaudet, BXI General Manager for Eastern Canada. "It also provides quick and easy access to government, educational and health services."

Today, local residents were invited by Xplornet to attend an open house in Bouctouche to learn more about the fixed wireless service and how it can benefit them.

"We're proud to be a part of this significant project for the residents of Kent County," said Dwayne Thompson, Owner, Digisol Technologies. "We are committed to offering fast, reliable and affordable service to meet the needs of our local customers."

Bouctouche Electronics, Digisol Technologies, True Tronics Computers and Scoudouc Electronics are all licensed dealers for Xplornet's high-speed Internet service in Kent County.

For more information on high-speed Internet service, call toll-free at 1-866-841-6001 or visit www.highspeednb.com.

About Xplornet

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 to essential government and educational services.

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