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SaskTel on its way to delivering next-generation wireless services to all of Saskatchewan

Selects Nokia Siemens Networks to build new core network

SaskTel, a full service communications provider in Saskatchewan, has selected Nokia Siemens Networks to provide core network technology for a new next-generation wireless network. The agreement is a part of SaskTel's network investment program to ensure 98 percent of Saskatchewan residents have access to wireless services.

"After a comprehensive review, SaskTel has selected Nokia Siemens Networks because of the company's advanced solutions and their global carrier presence and reputation," said Robert Watson, president and chief executive officer at SaskTel.

Already based on the latest version of HSPA+ (High Speed Packet Access) technology, SaskTel will use a core network solution, including mobile softswitching, packet core with "direct tunnel" functionality, and harmonized subscriber management systems. The upgraded systems will complement SaskTel's existing 3G network solutions and future-proof the carrier for a smooth transition to fourth generation technology based on the emerging, global Long-term Evolution (LTE) standard. SaskTel's network is expected to be initially launched mid-2010 with a targeted completion date of 2011.

"Nokia Siemens Networks is committed to the Canadian market and its potential for further advancement in next-generation wireless services, so we are extremely pleased to add SaskTel to the distinguished group of operators we serve in Canada," said Sue Spradley, head of the North American region, Nokia Siemens Networks. "We will deliver to SaskTel the industry's most advanced wireless network infrastructure, which will position them for a smooth transition to LTE in the future."

Nokia Siemens Networks is an industry leader in 3G core networks, with 130 customer references to date. Additionally, Nokia Siemens Networks is the forerunner in LTE with its flat architecture innovation providing already today a smooth migration path to LTE. The company recently announced it completed the world's first voice calls in LTE networks using commercial, 3GPP-standardized user and network equipment, and it is conducting end-to-end interoperability testing with four device vendors in different frequency bands.

About SaskTel

Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (SaskTel) is the leading full service communications provider in Saskatchewan, with \$1.138 billion in annual revenue and over 1.3 million customer connections including over 510,000 wireless accesses, 555,000 wireline network accesses, 216,000 internet accesses and 76,000 Max™ (TV) subscribers. SaskTel offers a wide range of communications products and services including competitive voice, data, internet, entertainment, national security, messaging, cellular, wireless data and directory services. In addition, SaskTel International offers software solutions and project consulting in countries around the world. In 2008, SaskTel contributed over \$610 million to the Saskatchewan economy through dollars spent with Saskatchewan-based suppliers and sponsorships to non-

profit organizations. SaskTel and its wholly-owned subsidiaries have a workforce of approximately 5,000 employees. Visit SaskTel at www.sasktel.com

About Nokia Siemens Networks

Nokia Siemens Networks is a leading global enabler of telecommunications services. With its focus on innovation and sustainability, the company provides a complete portfolio of mobile, fixed and converged network technology, as well as professional services including consultancy and systems integration, deployment, maintenance and managed services. It is one of the largest telecommunications hardware, software and professional services companies in the world. Operating in 150 countries, its headquarters are in Espoo, Finland.

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