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PORT NETWORKS DEPLOYS CITYWIDE WIRELESS BACKBONE

Baltimore, MD – May 14, 2003 – Port Networks, LLC, a wireless Internet service provider serving the Baltimore market, today announced that it has completed installation of the equipment that will serve as the backbone of its wireless wide-area network, and that it had selected Accelacom of Baltimore to provide bandwidth for its network.

The company has deployed a system of Motorola Canopy 5.2GHz access points and subscriber modules that will carry data traffic between the company's Network Operations Center, located downtown in the World Trade Center of Baltimore, and local points of presence around the city. Those local points of presence will communicate with client devices through standard 802.11b Wi-Fi signals.

"We believe that combining the strengths of the Motorola Canopy system and conventional Wi-Fi equipment will allow us to build a hybrid network that bridges the gap between hot spots and last-mile, fixed wireless," says Hugh Bethell, Port Networks' General Manager. "We think that our wireless network will offer a compelling alternative to existing DSL and cable modem services."

The Motorola Canopy system operates in the unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) spectrum of 5.25-5.35GHz, and is specifically optimized for heavy loading so that it can support measurable data rates of more than 6Mbps in a point-to-multipoint configuration, regardless of how many subscribers are using the system simultaneously.

Accelacom is a facilities-based provider of broadband, business internet access, and value-added internet services. Accelacom offers 1 to 1000 Mbps over its gigabit fiber backbone and next-generation fixed broadband wireless infrastructure. Accelacom's owned and operated network spans the greater Baltimore region covering 450 square miles, and is aggressively expanding throughout the Chesapeake region.

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