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CANARIE ADDING ORGANIZATIONAL BENCH STRENGTH TO DRIVE LEADING-EDGE NETWORK EVOLUTION

[Ottawa, Ontario May 27 2010] CANARIE is pleased to announce an increase in management and technical capacity in order to support its key priority of delivering next-generation network services to Canada's research and innovation community. CANARIE has previously announced plans to enhance IPv6 capability as well as its partnership with CUCCIO-CDPUIC to further develop the Canadian Access Federation. In support of these and other initiatives, CANARIE is pleased to announce:

- The appointment of **Jim Ghadbane** as Interim Chief Technology Officer. Jim has enjoyed a wide and varied career with Ottawa-based technology firms over the past 20 years. Most recently, he was Vice President, Product Management at Bridgewater Systems, VP of Research and Development for Ceyba Corporation, and VP and General Manager of Network and Service Management at Alcatel Corporation. **Eric Bernier** has taken on the role of Senior Director, Network Architecture and Services. Eric will focus on developing the criteria by which we will make the appropriate network evolution choices to meet the needs of the research and innovation community today and into the future.
- The addition of **Anne Bennett** as Project Manager. Anne brings over 20 years' experience in telecommunications to her role and will be instrumental in shepherding key projects through to successful completion.
- **Harry Sharma** has joined CANARIE as a Market Researcher. Harry brings his experience in science and technology policy research, in addition to a Masters in Engineering Management, to his role at CANARIE.

"These changes provide focus within CANARIE on the evolution of the network architecture to allow for leadership in next generation networking technologies, which are a key requirement in support of advanced research within Canada", notes Dr. Mark Whitmore, Chair of the Board of CANARIE.

“We need to be ahead of the curve in terms of network capacity and services, and this additional management and technical capacity ensures we have the right mix of skills and experience to do that”, adds Jim Roche, President and CEO of CANARIE.

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