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CANARIE ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO, ADDS MANAGEMENT STRENGTH

**Mark Roman, proven technology leader,
joins CANARIE as President and CEO,
Jim Ghabbane appointed Chief Technology Officer**

[Ottawa, Ontario March 28, 2011] CANARIE Inc., Canada's Advanced Research and Innovation Network, today announced the appointment of Mark Roman as President and CEO, effective April 25, 2011. Mr. Roman, most recently Chief Information Officer at the University of Victoria, replaces Jim Roche, who has been acting President and CEO since January 2010. Jim Ghabbane has been appointed Chief Technology Officer of CANARIE, a role he has held on an interim basis since May 2010.

"I am excited and truly honoured to be entrusted with this leadership role," says Mark Roman. "I look forward to working with our large stakeholder community, our provincial and territorial advanced network partners, and the CANARIE team to ensure this vital digital infrastructure continues to evolve to address the changing needs of Canada's research, education and innovation communities."

"Mark has been a strong supporter of CANARIE as Chief Information Officer at the University of Victoria and the Chairman of the Board of Directors at BCNET, CANARIE's advanced network partner in British Columbia," says Dr. Mark Whitmore, Chairman of the Board of Directors of CANARIE. "Mark's skill at creating strong partnerships, leveraging organizational strengths and building cohesive and focused teams will support CANARIE as the organization works towards its mandate renewal in 2012. We are also thrilled to announce that Jim Roche will continue his involvement with CANARIE and support Mark through the transition period. We'd like to thank him for the tremendous job he's done of shepherding CANARIE over the past year."

During his tenure as Chief Information Officer at the University of Victoria, Mark Roman led the information technology strategy to support the infrastructure of two of Canada's largest and most complex scientific initiatives: the NEPTUNE Canada and VENUS underwater observatories, part of Ocean Networks Canada, and the experimental data sent from the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, Switzerland, to the University's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics. Before joining the University of Victoria, he was the Executive Director of Enterprise Systems at Carleton University and prior to that worked at senior levels in the private sector. He holds a B.Math (Computer Science) from the University of Waterloo, an M.B.A. from Queen's University and is also a certified P.M.P. (Project Management Professional).

Jim Ghabbane brings over 20 years of experience at a range of high-tech organizations to his role as Chief Technology Officer. Prior to joining CANARIE he was Vice President of Research and Development for Ceyba Corporation, and Vice President and General Manager of Network and Service Management at Alcatel Corporation. He will continue to lead the strategic evolution of Canada's advanced research and innovation network.

"CANARIE's leadership team brings together a powerful combination of strategic acumen, technical depth, and a focus on meeting evolving stakeholder needs at a time when Canada's research, innovation and education communities rely more than ever on this vital digital infrastructure," adds Dr. Whitmore.

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CANARIE Inc. is Canada's Advanced Research and Innovation Network. Established in 1993, CANARIE manages an ultra high-speed network which facilitates leading-edge research and big science across Canada and around the world. More than 40,000 researchers at over 225 Canadian universities and colleges use the CANARIE Network, as well as researchers at institutes, hospitals, and government laboratories throughout the country. Together with 12 provincial and territorial advanced network partners, CANARIE enables researchers to share and analyze massive amounts of data, like climate models, satellite images, and DNA sequences that can lead to groundbreaking scientific discoveries. CANARIE is a non-profit corporation supported by membership fees, with the major investment in its programs and activities provided by the Government of Canada.

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