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IRISH BROADBAND TO EXPAND ITS NETWORK WITH \$1.3 MILLION OF NAVINI EQUIPMENT

Irish Broadband, Ireland's only alternative broadband network provider, today (5th August 2005) announced that it has placed follow-on orders valued at more than \$1.3 million with Navini Networks, one of the world's leading providers of wireless data and telecoms solutions.

The orders, which were mainly for Navini's Ripwave Base Station (BTS) and Ripwave modem products, will enable Irish Broadband to significantly improve coverage and density of its Ripwave network over the next six months to meet strong consumer demand for Irish Broadband's Ripwave portable broadband Internet service.

Paul Doody, Managing Director of Irish Broadband, commented, "Irish Broadband's network rollout programme is proceeding well. We are signing up over 400 customers every week and expect that number to significantly increase in the second half of 2005, given the strong surge in demand for broadband we experienced in the 2nd quarter of this year."

Since 2002, Irish Broadband has been expanding its wireless broadband network using various Navini products in both the licensed and license-exempt spectrums. Doody continued, "Navini equipment has enabled us to add more customers at higher speeds and more quickly, an advantage that has undoubtedly contributed to our fast growth. Our network is complete in all our major cities and towns and we are now building on this to provide near nationwide coverage by the end of 2005."

Irish Broadband is the second largest broadband services provider in the State* and Ireland's leading wireless broadband provider.

Irish Broadband offers business and residential customers a wide range of high-speed, always-on broadband Internet solutions, with packages starting from €24.99 per month including VAT for residential customers and €40 per month ex VAT for business customers. Bandwidth sizes range from 512kbps right up to 6MB and uncontented leased-line equivalents are available, providing savings of up to 70 per cent on copper and fiber line alternatives.

Irish Broadband is the only broadband services supplier to offer business customers unlimited monthly upload/download allowances and symmetric uploading and downloading speeds as standard on all its broadband business packages.

Irish Broadband provides fast, always-on, wireless broadband Internet services to Irish homes and businesses. Services are currently available to customers in the cities of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Galway, Drogheda and Dundalk.

Because wireless broadband is delivered 'over the air', customers do not require a phone line to avail of Irish Broadband's services.

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