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MAROC CONNECT SELECTS CAMBRIDGE BROADBAND FOR NATIONWIDE MULTI-SERVICE NETWORK

Cambridge, UK, 2 October 2006: Moroccan operator Maroc Connect has selected Cambridge Broadband's VectaStar transmission platform for its nationwide multi-service network. The company has placed an initial order for a substantial quantity of VectaStar equipment, operating in the licensed 3.5GHz band.

VectaStar is initially being deployed to provide broadband services for Maroc Connect's business customers, including high-speed Internet access. By the end of 2006 the VectaStar network will also be used to backhaul the company's cellular CDMA network. In addition, Maroc Connect plans to use VectaStar to backhaul traffic from its 3G cellular network, following the company's recent 3G licence award.

Karim Zaz, Chairman of Maroc Connect, comments: "VectaStar is a highly flexible and future proof converged platform, enabling us to seamlessly support any combination of access and backhaul applications. With its in-built support for E1/T1, IP and ATM traffic we will be able to use VectaStar for any service portfolio we want to offer as our network evolves, without needing to make any changes to the equipment."

He goes on to add: "Another reason we selected VectaStar is that a single base station can simultaneously support operation in the 3.5GHz, 10.5GHz and 26GHz bands. This means that we can use all these frequency bands in our network in due course without making any infrastructure changes. This gives us a great deal of flexibility in choosing the most appropriate band for any given geography, population density and service portfolio."

Bjorn Krylander, Chief Executive Officer at Cambridge Broadband Limited, comments: “As Morocco’s telecommunications market continues to grow, Maroc Connect has established a strong market position, further demonstrated by the company being ranked highest in the country’s recent third-generation mobile phone licence competition. The selection of our VectaStar platform by Maroc Connect is a great endorsement of the quality of our technology, and we look forward to continuing to meet Maroc Connect’s requirements as the company’s range of services expands.”

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About Cambridge Broadband www.cambridgebroadband.com

Cambridge Broadband provides telecommunications operators with carrier-class wireless point-to-multipoint transmission equipment. The company’s unique approach to backhaul means that its technology provides operators with a highly compelling business case. To date, Cambridge Broadband’s products have been commercially deployed and technically proven in more than 30 countries, and the company continues to expand into new geographical markets as wireless networks become more widespread throughout the world. Privately-held, Cambridge Broadband has headquarters in Cambridge, UK, with offices in Malaysia and South Africa and manufacturing facilities in China and the UK. The company is rapidly growing and currently has approximately 100 employees, primarily in development.

About VectaStar

VectaStar is a highly flexible, scalable point-to-multipoint radio transmission system that can be used for 2G and 3G cellular backhaul, WiMAX/WiFi/DSLAM backhaul and Enterprise access. VectaStar is the only transmission solution with integrated Abis and lub optimisation and dynamic statistical multiplexing to maximise the traffic that can be carried in any given bandwidth. This provides operators with the most efficient use of

their radio spectrum and gives substantial operational and capital expenditure savings compared to leased line solutions. VectaStar's additional advantages include its superior capacity, range, service mix, spectral efficiency and built-in support for full redundancy. VectaStar seamlessly supports E1/T1, IP and ATM transmission protocols, providing operators with a comprehensive range of service offerings within a future proof platform. A single VectaStar base station supports simultaneous operation in the licensed 3.5GHz, 10.5GHz and 26GHz (24.5-26.5GHz) spectrum bands.

About Maroc Connect

ONA (Omnium of North Africa) subsidiary Maroc Connect has won Morocco's third fixed-line licence, paying around MAD 306 million (EUR 27.5 million), reports the country's telecom regulator, ANRT. Maroc Connect is one of Morocco's main ISPs. Its new licence includes limited mobility services within an up to 35 km diameter. Maroc Connect must invest MDH 1 billion in the first year. Egypt's Orascom also bid for the licence. ANRT plans to liberalise the telecoms sector entirely by 2008. The body expects there to be over three million fixed lines, seven million new mobile phone accounts and 500,000 new internet users by 2015. It expects mobile and fixed networks to generate MAD 20 billion and MAD 15 billion of revenue in the same period.