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SENTECH FURTHER EXPANDS BROADBAND WIRELESS NETWORK WITH CAMBRIDGE BROADBAND'S VECTASTAR EQUIPMENT

Johannesburg, South Africa and Cambridge, UK, 9 November 2005: South African operator Sentech has further expanded its broadband wireless access network with Cambridge Broadband's VectaStar equipment. The network offers a variety of services to government, business and residential customers. The company's goal is to provide a nationwide-accessible broadband infrastructure, with wireless technology forming a major contribution to the network.

Sentech's network comprises two main service portfolios: BizNet and "MyWireless". The BizNet network uses Cambridge Broadband's VectaStar equipment in the 3.5GHz licensed spectrum band and provides broadband access services to business customers, both government and non-government. This network will also be used to provide services to SITA, the nationwide government purchasing agency for IT services, following Sentech being successfully awarded this contract. The "MyWireless" network offers both fixed and mobile services to residential customers, and uses VectaStar to backhaul the network.

Marcel Raath, Executive in Marketing and Sales from Sentech, comments: "We have ambitious plans to make broadband available throughout our nation, and are delighted to announce the further expansion of our wireless network. As the only operator to have a licence in the 3.5GHz spectrum band, it is vital that we maximise the use of this scarce resource, and we are confident that we are achieving this objective with our choice of equipment vendor."

The “MyWireless” network is already operational, and is currently being further extended. The BizNet network was formally launched in November with customers in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Peter Wharton, Chief Executive Officer of Cambridge Broadband, comments: “Sentech has been extensively deploying our equipment for more than two years, for both access and backhaul applications. Having proved the capability and versatility of the VectaStar technology, we are very pleased to continue to have such a core role in the continued expansion of the network.”

Sentech plans to continue to expand its broadband wireless network, resulting in the availability of a comprehensive range of services for all types of customers across the entirety of South Africa.

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About Sentech www.sentech.co.za

Sentech is a broadband network business accommodating narrowband functionality on a common platform, supplying communication solutions and services to wholesale and retail customers in chosen markets in South Africa and the rest of the continent.

About Cambridge Broadband www.cambridgebroadband.com

Cambridge Broadband has pioneered the development of carrier-class, point-to-multipoint broadband wireless access equipment. The company is focused on delivering high quality multi-service networks to network operators with the best price-performance in the licensed bands worldwide. Cambridge Broadband was formed in January 2000 by an experienced team with a strong record of successful innovation in broadband wireless design.

About VectaStar

Cambridge Broadband's VectaStar is a highly flexible carrier-class broadband wireless platform for telecommunications and mobile operators. With its capacity, range, service mix, and spectral efficiency, VectaStar is a superior solution whether used for backhaul, access, or both. Technically and commercially proven in many deployments worldwide, VectaStar provides the perfect competitive advantage.