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STARTOUCH, INC. Acquires Network Assets from Great Western Communications



FERNDALE, WA. – July 1, 2009. StarTouch, Inc., a major regional Northwest Washington Service Provider and leader in IP Transport and last-mile WiMax Microwave Services today announced that it has entered into a definitive Acquisition Agreement with Great Western Communications (GWC), a leading investment firm focused on large-scale investments in technology-driven growth industries.

After an extensive review of “GWC’s” numerous Microwave towers in Eastern Washington, and OC-48 Fiber Optic terminals located in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, StarTouch determined that its transaction with “GWC” to acquire these assets provided a significant strategic addition to StarTouch’s existing Microwave and Fiber Optic Long-Haul, WiMax, and IP networks.

"In addition to delivering compelling value for our company, this purchase creates clear value for StarTouch employees and customers," said Keith Scheffer, StarTouch, Inc. President and CEO. "This investment in our Network growth strategy and technology structure will enable us to extend our Wireless footprint state-wide as we continue to provide carrier-grade services through the deployment of advanced IP communications solutions, and offer a source of competitive advantage for our customers."

"Make no mistake" said Scheffer, " StarTouch, Inc is now one of the largest competitive IP Solutions and Internet services providers in Washington State. With the acquisition of these tower sites, and the addition of StarTouch’s private OC48 Fiber Long-Haul services, StarTouch can offer primary and diverse redundant connectivity services available at prices never before seen in many locations including underserved or previously un-served areas."

StarTouch’s newly-owned assets currently provide Multi-Gigabit Microwave and Fiber Optic Long-haul IP Transport to numerous customers ranging from local ISP’s to some of the largest names in the telecommunications industry. Existing customers include both small and large businesses, medical communities, carriers, CLEC’s, and other IP-driven communities. These services are offered and available now for additional interested companies on both the interconnected Microwave tower systems, and OC48 Fiber Optic infrastructure.

Other Microwave services currently being deployed by StarTouch, Inc. include FCC Licensed last-mile WiMax Internet, and Layer 2 Point-to-Point services to the greater portion of Western and Eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. Specific cities include, but are not limited to, Bellingham, Mt. Vernon, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma, Bellevue, Coeur d’Alene, Kent, Auburn, Yakima, Sunnyside, Moses Lake, Spokane, Ellensburg, Tri-Cities, Missoula, Portland, and numerous other locations soon to be released.

For more information about our WiMax, IP Transport services, or any other StarTouch products, visit the StarTouch Web site at www.startouch.com, or call our offices at (360-543-5679).

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