



**CONNECTEO USES HORIZON COMPACT TO DELIVER HIGH CAPACITY
BROADBAND SERVICES IN WEST AFRICA**
*Horizon Compact Selected to Deliver High Capacity
Broadband Services in Burkina Faso*

Ottawa, Canada, May 20, 2009 - DragonWave Inc. (TSX: DWI), the world's leading supplier of packet microwave radio systems, today announced that Connecteo is deploying the Horizon Compact to deliver high capacity broadband services to its enterprise customers in Burkina Faso.

Connecteo uses Horizon Compact to bypass traditional leased line infrastructure and provide cost efficient and scalable broadband IP services. Based in Dakar, Senegal, Connecteo has also established subsidiaries in Cameroon, Guinea, Bénin and Niger. The company is managed by Monaco Telecom, an affiliate in the international business unit of UK-based Cable & Wireless Group. Cable & Wireless operates integrated telecommunications companies in 33 countries worldwide, and Monaco Telecom manages those operations in Africa, Afghanistan and Kosovo.

"The Horizon Compact is a proven, highly scalable and software-upgradeable solution that enables us to quickly and cost-effectively introduce high-speed business broadband services," said Felix Weyerstahl, Managing Director of Connecteo. "Our goal is to become the leader in provision of converged IP telecommunications services in West and Central Africa. DragonWave's innovative products release the maximum potential of our frequency allocations and drive down our network costs without compromising future scalability. These factors are key to achieving our business goals."

Initial deployments in Burkina Faso provide up to 50 Mbps broadband access to Connecteo's enterprise customers with the option to scale to 400 Mbps over time. The Horizon Compact is perfectly suited to such access network applications. Physically it requires very little space and has low power consumption, characteristics that make it ideal for deployment in the enterprise. Also, because it is powered through the same Cat5 cable that delivers the broadband service it presents little disruption to in-building cable management and power systems. The Horizon Compact is mounted outdoors and has a proven track record for reliability and performance in some of the most challenging environments.

"Broadband access demand is very, very high, throughout Western Africa" said Rouylou Jean Michel, International Director Monaco Telecom. "Network costs have traditionally slowed progress in this market, but DragonWave's products are helping eliminate much of this burden and enable Connecteo to deliver higher speed broadband service to more and more customers."

Peter Allen, President and Chief Executive Officer of DragonWave, added: "Connecteo's deployment of the Horizon Compact expands our presence in African markets. Our solution's unique combination of scalability, flexibility and resiliency has made it the native Ethernet microwave radio of choice for the world's most innovative, next generation, service providers."

About Connecteo

As a network solution specialist Connecteo offers a full portfolio of data transmission and internet connectivity services to enterprises and the residential market. Headquartered in Dakar, Senegal, Connecteo has operations in 6 African countries: Bénin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Niger, Senegal. Connecteo is part of the Monaco Telecom Group, an affiliate in the international business unit of UK-based Cable & Wireless Group.

About Monaco Telecom

Monaco Telecom is the incumbent full service operator providing fixed, mobile, Internet access and TV

to the Principality of Monaco for over 70 years. Monaco Telecom retains a strong commitment to providing the latest services along with the highest quality customer service. Internationally, Monaco Telecom's strategy is one of working with key local partners building, high quality mobile networks, in niche markets along with broadband capability whilst growing satellite services in Africa and the Mediterranean region. 49% of the capital of Monaco Telecom is currently owned by the UK-based Cable & Wireless Group, 45% by the Monaco government, and 6% by the Compagnie Monegasque de Banque. Further information can be found at www.monaco.mc.

About DragonWave Inc.

DragonWave™ is a leading provider of high-capacity wireless Ethernet equipment used in emerging IP networks. DragonWave designs, develops, and markets carrier-grade microwave radio frequency networking equipment that transmits broadband voice, video and data. DragonWave's products, which are based on a native Ethernet platform, function as a wireless extension to an existing fibre-optic core telecommunications network. The principal application for DragonWave's products is the backhaul function in a wireless communications network. Additional applications for DragonWave's products include point-to-point transport in private networks, including municipal and enterprise networks. DragonWave's corporate headquarters is located in Ottawa, Ontario, with sales locations in Europe, Middle East and North America. The company's Web site is <http://www.dragonwaveinc.com>