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ALLEGRO NETWORKS DELIVERS SPEEDY BOOST FOR SUNSHINE COAST

Young Queensland telco Allegro Networks will deploy its world class WiMAX technology in the development of next generation broadband infrastructure, announced by Federal Communications Minister, Senator Helen Coonan, on the Sunshine Coast today.

The WiMAX network infrastructure, which will be operational by early next year, promises to be a major boost for business, education, health and government sectors in the Sunshine Coast region.

The Federal Government, through its Clever Networks Program, will provide funding of \$2.9 million to the project. The balance of \$3.4 million is to be contributed by Allegro, its project partners, the Sunshine Coast University and Maroochy Shire Council and contributing partners including Caloundra Shire Council.

Allegro joint Managing Director, David Waldie, described the broadband infrastructure as critical to the development and growth of commerce on the Sunshine Coast.

“Local businesses, universities, hospitals – they need this technology now – not in three years, not in five years but - now,” Mr Waldie said.

“At present, they are putt-putting along the information superhighway in the equivalent of an old VW Kombi. By the end of the year, when our WiMAX network is up and running, they will have access to the broadband equivalent of a red Ferrari.”

“The ride will be much faster, smoother, and in a commercial sense, allow for far greater productivity.”

Allegro's WiMAX network will comprise five wireless base stations, which will be strategically located at vantage points across the Maroochy and Caloundra Shires. Allegro's technology partner in the project is Israel based Alvarion, a world class supplier of WiMAX equipment. Allegro will be supplementing its WiMAX capability with very high speed microwave solutions, for large corporate and government applications.

Allergo already has two base stations operational – one in the Brisbane CBD and the other in the commercial heart of the Gold Coast.

This network, which will expand rapidly in the coming 18 months, is already delivering speeds from 1Mbps/1Mbps to 40Mbps/40Mbps, using a mix of WiMAX and proprietary microwave technologies, to customers in South East Queensland.

Waldie added “We have several thousand customers already enjoying the benefits of high speed broadband and VoIP services, delivered over the air. It will be our pleasure to bring this performance enhancing experience to business people on the Sunshine Coast.”

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About Allegro

Allegro Networks is one of Queensland's largest wireless broadband internet server providers (ISP). The company has a young and dynamic management team with broad business experience, a proven track record, and impeccable telecommunication industry credentials. Allegro recently invested more than a million dollars in the purchase of spectrum in the South East Queensland corner - the first step in the company's bold plan to build a WiMAX network servicing businesses across South East Queensland. The Allegro proposition is all about performance enhancement - helping businesses in Australia's fastest growing region achieve greater efficiency and productivity, by providing them with a superior telecommunications service.