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## **Allegro clears final hurdle in Sunshine Coast WiMAX race**

Most of the 35,000 businesses on Queensland's Sunshine Coast will have access to high speed broadband within a matter of weeks, following the issue of regulatory licences to emerging Queensland telco Allegro Networks.

The licences represented the last hurdle for Allegro in the commissioning of a WiMAX network servicing the vast majority of business owners from Caloundra, 70km north to Noosa.

Allegro's high speed WiMAX network, the first of its kind in Australia, is already operating in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

"The 6 month wait that businesses have had to endure is finally over," Allegro Managing Director, David Waldie said.

"Within weeks, all 10 of our newly installed base stations will be fully operational, and businesses - large and small - will have access to speeds of up to 40 Mbps - comparable to fibre speeds in Sydney and Melbourne.

Allegro is effectively extending by more than 70km the coverage of the spectrum licences the company purchased almost two years ago. Allegro's spectrum now covers one in seven Australians.

The profile of businesses operating on the Sunshine Coast is quite unusual, with a Maroochy Shire Council survey recently revealing that almost three quarters of the businesses listed had five employees or less.

Many were micro or home based operations, which up until now, had been forced to rely on antiquated broadband and internet services.

Mr Waldie said, "WiMAX is a cost effective solution for small business. For a fraction of the cost of alternatives, Allegro's WiMAX network can deliver a next generation voice and data solution. This means faster speeds, and lower call costs, for small and medium enterprises. "

Allegro is partnering with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, University of the Sunshine Coast and the Federal Government in the \$5.8m Clever Networks project.

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***About Allegro***

***Allegro Networks is one of Queensland's largest wireless telecommunications companies. The company has a young and dynamic management team with broad business experience, a proven track record, and impeccable telecommunication industry credentials. In December 2006, Allegro invested 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 in outer metropolitan Brisbane and up and down the growth corridors to the Gold and Sunshine Coasts and west to Ipswich. 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.***