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V-COMM President Chairs “Local Loop” Panel at ‘Western Communications Forum 2000’

Warminster, PA (March 15, 2000) — Dominic Villecco, President of V-COMM (www.vcomm-eng.com), a leader in telecommunications engineering, recently chaired a panel at the International Engineering Consortium’s “Western Communications Forum 2000” held in Dallas. The International Engineering Consortium (IEC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting positive change in the telecommunications industry and its university communities, providing high-quality educational opportunities for industry professionals, academics and students.

Titled “The Unbundled Local Loop: Status, Prospects, Opinions, Strategies,” the session included panelists Patrick Doyle, Chief Engineer for Conectiv Communications; Uday Mathur, Senior Manager of New Products for Northpoint Communications, and Gary Bolton, Vice President of Product Marketing at Catena Networks.

The catalyst for the discussion was the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the requirement that LECs allow access to unbundled network elements for the use of their competitors. Within the industry, some CLECs are using existing LEC infrastructure to provide service to their customers. A number of technical, operational and maintenance issues face CLECs in providing these services. These issues, coupled with today’s competitive telecom environment, raise a host of regulatory, technical and business concerns for all parties involved.

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Panelists delved into such hotbutton topics as regulatory perspectives related to unbundled networks, pro and con viewpoints for opening up the broadband network, the current state of competition and whether wireless has the bandwidth to compete. "It is vital that this industry continue to discuss how to handle competition at the technical level so that we can assure customers of flawless service while expanding and improving our offerings," noted Villecco.

Villecco, a 20-year telecommunications veteran, launched his career as an engineering consultant during the early days of wireless. In early 1996, he founded V-COMM to provide engineering services to the telecommunications industry. The company has experienced exponential growth since its founding.

V-COMM Background

V-COMM is a leading provider of integrated network engineering, radio frequency engineering and business services to the worldwide telecommunications industry. For over half a decade, the company has been pioneering high-quality, cost-effective solutions for wired and wireless operators and vendors. V-COMM has designed, implemented, optimized and expanded telecommunication networks for clients around the globe. Company executives are sought-after expert witnesses providing testimony on telecommunications issues in local, regional and national venues.

V-COMM, has a growing staff of over 50 engineers and professionals in its Cranbury, NJ and Warminster, PA offices.

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