

NextWave Telecom Announces \$1.6 Billion of Financial Investments and Strategic Partnerships

- Global Crossing, Liberty Media, Pacific Capital Group and Texas Pacific Group lead new equity investors.
- Global Crossing and NextWave enter major strategic services agreement.

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Hawthorne, NY – NextWave Telecom Inc. today announced that it has entered into significant financial and strategic agreements moving it closer to its goal of deploying the first state-of-the-art wireless telecommunications network specifically designed to provide next-generation wireless services. Total new equity investments in NextWave amount to over \$1.6 billion from key investors including Global Crossing Ltd. (NASDAQ: GBLX), Liberty Media Corporation (NYSE: LMG.A and LMG.B), Pacific Capital Group and Texas Pacific Group.

"NextWave is extraordinarily pleased to announce that this impressive group of blue chip companies and investors has chosen to join NextWave to build the most advanced IP-based third generation wireless telecommunications network," said Allen Salmasi, NextWave's chairman and chief executive officer. "These companies are among the most innovative and sophisticated telecom companies and investment firms in America, with a broad range of experience in telecommunications financing, network deployment and operations, information technology, Internet media and content, Web hosting services, and e-commerce. We could not have assembled a better team."

NextWave also announced a strategic services agreement with Global Crossing. The strategic services agreement makes Global Crossing the preferred provider of backhaul, long distance backbone, Web-hosting, and other communications services to NextWave.

"Global Crossing has built and is operating a worldwide state-of-the-art backbone network that today can provide the most competitive package of end-to-end broadband IP and data services packet communications service capabilities from Europe to Asia," said Robert Annunziata, Global Crossing's chief executive officer. "NextWave is building the next generation local access network that will be a natural complement to our global next generation network."

Continued Annunziata: "With this new financial support for NextWave, we are confident that broadband high speed local access capability will be available to our customers much sooner than would otherwise be available. Global Crossing will provide NextWave with local, long distance, and international network capacity, Web hosting, and co-location services at market prices - so we benefit from the explosive growth we foresee for fixed and NextWave's fixed and mobile data services."

"We are very excited about our investment in NextWave - there is a new era emerging where Internet access will be increasingly available over wireless networks," said Robert R. Bennett, Liberty Media Corporation's president and chief executive officer. "NextWave's plan to deploy a world-class IP-based wireless network complements our existing information and e-commerce businesses - by investing in NextWave, with a strategic set of partners, Liberty Media has a unique opportunity to be on the ground floor of the wireless Internet explosion."

A spokesperson for Texas Pacific Group also commented, "We look forward to contributing the financial and strategic resources needed to implement this very exciting business plan. We believe NextWave will be able to bring a wide range of highly competitive broadband fixed and full mobility wireless services currently not available through any other service provider."

"We are also pleased to have Global Crossing as an equity investor and strategic services provider," Mr. Salmasi continued. "Global Crossing is a proven leader in the rapidly changing world of telecommunications with a nationwide broadband network that synergistically complements our planned network. Through the virtual integration of our respective networks, we will fulfill the promise of anywhere, anytime, always-on high-speed Internet access."

NextWave also announced that it is modifying its plan of reorganization, which is now pending before the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, to reflect the agreements announced today. As modified, the plan would leave the Federal Communications Commission's (the "FCC's") claim against NextWave unimpaired. A confirmation hearing has been scheduled for January 5, 2000, subject to receipt of either the opinion of the Second Circuit or an order from the Second Circuit allowing confirmation to proceed.

"The convergence of wireless and Internet services and the recent mega-mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures in the wireless sector have made these new financing relationships possible for us, creating an opportunity for NextWave to implement its business plan immediately," said Mr. Salmasi. "The modified plan of reorganization preserves everyone's legal rights, including the FCC's, and requires no waivers of the FCC's Designated Entity rules for any of the investors, making it a 'win-win' for all parties. In fact, NextWave is fully committed to supporting the governmental and private sector initiatives to bridge the "Digital Divide" and provide wireless Internet Access to underserved communities of our country," continued Salmasi.

Today's filing also modifies the treatment of general unsecured creditors under NextWave's reorganization plan. "Many of these claims belong to small and medium-companies, including minority and women-owned businesses, who stood with us during NextWave's earliest days," Mr. Salmasi said. Under the modified plan, such creditors are entitled to cash payment of the full amount of their allowed claims. Mr. Salmasi continued, "In ways that can't be measured in dollars and cents, that modification provides me the greatest amount of satisfaction."

NextWave's plan of reorganization gives birth to one of the most technologically advanced IP-based packet-switched third generation wireless networks in the world that will result in the continued leadership of the United States in the broadband telecommunications arena. This was the original premise behind the creation of the entrepreneurs' block of the spectrum by the United States Congress and the FCC.

David Friedman, of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, who is counsel to the Official Creditors Committee of NextWave, underscored the Committee's support for rapid confirmation of NextWave's modified reorganization plan. "The Committee strongly endorses the modified plan NextWave has filed today. Obviously, with this kind of strategic backing, the company's modified plan has an excellent chance of succeeding in the marketplace. Given that the plan now preserves the government's interest, it appears there should be no obstacles to NextWave moving rapidly through the confirmation process with the support of all constituencies."

Representatives of Global Crossing, Pacific Capital Group, Texas Pacific Group and Bay Harbour Management will join NextWave's Board of Directors upon effectiveness of NextWave's plan of reorganization.

ABOUT NEXTWAVE

NextWave Telecom, Inc. (www.nextwavetel.com) was organized in 1995 as a leading provider of wireless high-speed Internet access and voice communications services to the consumer and business market on a nationwide basis. NextWave holds a total of 95 PCS licenses, covering more than 166 million POPs coast to coast, that include all top 10 U.S. markets, 28 of the top 30 markets, and 40 of the top 50 markets. NextWave's carriers' carrier strategy will allow existing carriers and new service providers to market NextWave's network services through wholesale airtime arrangements offered by the company. In September 1999, NextWave announced that over 99 percent of voting creditors and shareholders have expressed approval of its Plan of

Reorganization. Other major investors include CIBC, Loews Corporation, BFD Equity Associates, Bay Harbour Management, Joseph Littlejohn & Levy, Resurgence Asset Management LLC and other major financial institutions.

ABOUT GLOBAL CROSSING

Global Crossing Ltd. (NASDAQ: GBLX) is building and offering services over the world's first global fiber-optic network with 97,200 announced route miles, serving five continents, 24 countries and more than 200 major cities. The Global Crossing network and its telecommunications and Internet product offerings will be available to over 80 percent of the world's international communications traffic. Global Crossing hosts more than 300 of the top Internet brands in its Global Centers. Among the brands are some of the largest and most densely trafficked sites on the Web, including Yahoo!, The Motley Fool, Ziff Davis, MP3.com and eToys. Global Crossing's operations are headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda, with principal offices in Los Angeles, California; London, England; Morristown, New Jersey; and Rochester, New York.

ABOUT LIBERTY MEDIA

Liberty Media (NYSE: LMG.A and LMG.B) holds interests in a broad range of video programming, communications, technology and Internet businesses in the United States, Europe, South America and Asia. Liberty Media's principal assets include interests in Starz Encore Media Group, Discovery Communications, Inc., Time Warner Inc., QVC, Inc., Liberty Digital, Inc., USA Networks, Inc., Telewest Communications plc, TV Guide, Inc., General Instrument Corporation, Sprint PCS Group and The News Corporation Limited. More information about Liberty Media and its affiliates is available on Liberty's Web site at www.libertymedia.com.

ABOUT TEXAS PACIFIC GROUP

Texas Pacific Group, founded in 1993, is a private investment partnership with capital in excess of \$7 billion, and with offices in Fort Worth, TX, San Francisco, CA, Washington, D.C., and London. The partnership has made significant investments in a broad range of industries, including, technology/telecommunications, consumer products, healthcare, airlines, food and beverage, and oil and gas. TPG has extensive experience with bankruptcy cases and is well known for turning around Continental Airlines and America West Airlines.

ABOUT PACIFIC CAPITAL GROUP

Pacific Capital Group, Inc. is a private merchant bank formed by Gary Winnick that founded Global Crossing, Ltd. and has invested in telecommunications, new media, Internet services and enabling technologies, financial services, and real estate. Pacific Capital Group invests in these markets as well as in other opportunities affected by technology and technological change. Pacific Capital Group is headquartered in Los Angeles, California.

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