

## Global Crossing Christens North American Crossing Network

- Completes core nationwide network with seamless connections to Europe.
- Increased North American Crossing capacity 500 percent since January 1999.

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**New York** - Global Crossing (NASDAQ: GBLX), which is building and operating the world's most advanced global IP-based fiber-optic network, today announced that its core North American Crossing network is complete, fully operational and seamlessly interconnected to the company's Atlantic Crossing network.

The \$1 billion North American Crossing (formerly the Frontier Optronics Network<sup>SM</sup>) will span 20,000 miles and connect more than 120 of the country's top markets. North American Crossing also features a just-completed "network express lane" that moves data at gigabit speeds between the 20 most heavily trafficked U.S. markets. Clearly one of the most advanced in the nation, this network was built to more than satisfy the growing need for reliability, speed and capacity.

"We've increased our domestic capacity five fold since the beginning of this year," said Rolla P. Huff, president and COO of Global Crossing's North American Operations. "Industry leading optical networking technology provides Global Crossing's North American network with the elastic scalability to keep pace with the explosive bandwidth demands of the electronic economy. Our ring designs also ensures the highest levels of network quality and reliability."

This reliability was recently evidenced in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd that rampaged the Eastern U.S. coast. While most all other nationwide networks experienced network outages that lasted a number of days, traffic on the North American Crossing network was not impacted. Global Crossing plans to extend the ring architecture of North American Crossing to create protected network routes to its Mexican network and is exploring adding capacity into key Canadian cities.

"When we first started building North American Crossing two years ago, bandwidth was just a buzzword - now it's become a business imperative," stated Huff. "Although some may talk about a capacity glut, we've experienced just the opposite and we expect that trend to continue into 2000 and well beyond. As Global Crossing builds out to additional landing points around the globe, our U.S. customers will benefit from the only global seamless IP network in the world."

### **About Global Crossing**

Global Crossing is the world's first truly global telecommunications company. The Global Crossing Network and its product offerings will be available on five continents and address 80 percent of the world's international communications traffic. Global Crossing also possesses the largest fleet of cable laying and maintenance vessels in the world and currently services more than a third of the world's undersea cable kilometers. Global Crossing has been chosen to be listed among the world's leading public corporations on both the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ 100. Global Crossing's operations are headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda, with executive offices in Los Angeles, California and Morristown, New Jersey. For more information, visit [www.globalcrossing.com](http://www.globalcrossing.com) on the World Wide Web.

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