



## **Linkem Spa Chooses DragonWave for Nationwide WiMAX Backhaul Network in Italy**

DragonWave's partner SELEX Communications to provide 4G Backhaul using Horizon Compact Radios

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA--(Marketwire - Feb. 11, 2009) - DragonWave Inc. (TSX:DWI) a global supplier of high-capacity, wireless native Ethernet backhaul solutions for mobile and access networks, today announced that Linkem Spa, one of Italy's largest wireless broadband service providers, will deploy DragonWave's Horizon Compact radios for backhaul in their new WiMAX network.

Linkem provides both nationwide Wi-Fi Hotspot services and Wireless DSL services in Italy. At the beginning of 2008 the company consolidated this position by acquiring 13 regional WiMAX licenses to provide mobile broadband coverage to 80% of the Italian population. The mobile WiMAX network is scheduled for completion in 2013.

"DragonWave solutions are a very important part of our IP backhaul strategy. They will enable rapid and cost effective deployment of our network", said Davide Rota, CEO of Linkem. "In view of our aggressive roll-out plans, we required a field proven and robust solution that addresses the need for high capacity backhaul, scalability and carrier class performance critical for delivering real-time IP services. Also, we needed to minimize our backhaul spectrum costs, so the superior efficiency of DragonWave products was a key consideration. We are confident that DragonWave's innovative technology, end to end network optimization techniques and extensive experience with 4G WiMAX networks will enable us to achieve our goals."

The Horizon Compact network will be deployed by SELEX Communications a leading system integrator offering turnkey planning, deployment and support services for all DragonWave products. DragonWave products operate in both licensed and unlicensed radio frequencies between 6 and 38 GHz. An uncompromised product design delivers pure "packet" microwave performance with software scalable, ultra-low latency transport of up to 1.6 Gbps per link. Extremely easy to deploy and manage, DragonWave products deliver carrier-grade (99.999%) interference-free performance in next-generation IP networks.

"We are very pleased to have partnered with a premier systems integrator such as SELEX Communications and to have been selected by Linkem as the backhaul radio supplier for their mobile WiMAX network," said Peter Allen, President and CEO of DragonWave. "Our packet microwave technology has been validated extensively in some of the world's largest 4G networks. Our Horizon Compact solution will enable Linkem to roll out their nationwide network quickly and in future allow them to grow backhaul capacity in a very flexible and cost efficient manner."

## About Linkem

Linkem has been founded in 2001 with the mission to provide broadband connectivity services through wireless technologies. Currently the Company operates in two main areas of activity: Hotspots - Wi-Fi services in premium locations; Hotzones - wireless connectivity services in several provinces. The Company's hotspots can be found in more than 150 premium locations, thanks to long term contracts. The Company delivers wireless broadband services to around 300 towns, accounting for about 500,000 inhabitants, mainly in the north of Italy. In March 2008 Linkem gained the rights of use for WiMAX frequencies for 13 regions, accounting for approximately 80% of Italian population. Linkem successfully launched the first WiMAX commercial offer in Italy on October, 1st. Website: <http://www.linkem.com/>

## About SELEX Communications

SELEX Communications, a Finmeccanica Company, is a global supplier of advanced communication, navigation and identification solutions to protect communities and critical national infrastructure. Leader in the delivery of Network Centric Communications, SELEX Communications supplies secure, integrated and interoperable network solutions for government, civil and military applications. SELEX Communications employs about 4,900 people. Headquartered in Italy and with worldwide offices and facilities, SELEX Communications has the global presence to provide its customers with the solutions and support they need - anywhere, anytime. Website: <http://www.selex-comms.com>

## About DragonWave

DragonWave(TM) is a leading provider of high-capacity wireless Ethernet equipment used in emerging IP networks. DragonWave designs, develops, and markets carrier-grade microwave radio frequency networking equipment that wirelessly transmit broadband voice, video and other data. DragonWave's wireless Ethernet products, which are based on a native Ethernet platform, function as a wireless extension to an existing fibre-optic core telecommunications network. The principal application for DragonWave's products is the backhaul function in a wireless communications network. Additional applications for DragonWave's products include point-to-point transport in private networks, including municipal and enterprise networks. DragonWave's corporate headquarters is located in Ottawa, Ontario, with sales locations in Europe, Middle East and North America. The company's Web site is <http://www.dragonwaveinc.com>

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