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## **Sylantro Systems Chosen to Power Lightyear's Nationwide VoIP Services for Residential and Business Customers**

*New Services Challenge Incumbent Providers in 171 U.S. Markets by Offering Customization Features to Suit Users' Unique Communications Needs*

**CAMPBELL, Calif., September 20, 2004** – Sylantro® Systems Corporation today announced that Lightyear Network Solutions, a competitive local exchange carrier with over 200,000 customers and more than \$120 million in annual revenues, has tapped Sylantro Systems to provide advanced telephony features for their new nationwide Lightyear XSTREAM<sup>SM</sup> Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services. These hosted services, supported by Sylantro's industry-leading application server for hosted PBX, IP Centrex and consumer broadband voice offerings, will provide customers with an array of advanced telephone customization options that far exceed the capabilities of traditional VoIP services.

Through the Sylantro platform, residential users of the Lightyear XSTREAM service receive advanced features such as find me/follow me, call forwarding, conferencing, call transfer and repeat dialing, as well as a browser-based portal for access to and control of their services. Beginning in mid-October, Lightyear's business customers will gain productivity-enhancing capabilities such as visual call logs; click-to-dial; selective call treatments by type of caller, time of day or other criteria; browser-based portals for users and for system administration; advanced mobility features; and full integration with Microsoft® Outlook®.

"As we prepared to deploy the Lightyear XSTREAM product line, we were very cognizant that the VoIP marketplace is highly competitive. Sylantro's solution gives us the ability to stand out from the crowd through distinct, differentiated services for our business and residential customers," said Bruce Widener, senior vice president of corporate development for Lightyear Network Solutions. "Further, by partnering with Sylantro Systems, we are able to quickly

introduce – in a matter of weeks, not months or years – unique and fully integrated voice applications and messaging services.”

Lightyear's Authorized Agent Channel sells and distributes the Lightyear XSTREAM business products, which offer advanced PBX-replacement services for businesses of all sizes. The Lightyear Alliance sales channel, with over 6,000 representatives nationwide, direct-sells Lightyear XSTREAM residential products including Sylantro-based hosted telephony services, DSL, long distance and other services. The Lightyear XSTREAM suite of services also includes last-mile DSL broadband services through MCI and Covad Communications Group, Inc. and utilizes network services by Level 3 Communications, Inc.

“As VoIP moves into the mainstream, service providers are recognizing that a sustainable market position requires profitable, value-added services – not simply cut-rate dial tone with a few limited features,” said Pete Bonee, president and CEO of Sylantro Systems. “Through our carrier-grade applications server and hosted communications solutions, Lightyear is providing its channel partners with a competitive edge – compelling, competitive and differentiated solutions that let people customize their VoIP services to fit their unique personal and business lifestyles.”

Sylantro Systems is the leading provider of hosted PBX and IP Centrex applications, voice VPN capabilities and consumer broadband applications via the company's proven carrier-grade feature server. Sylantro's solutions are deployed successfully around the globe, with the widest market distribution in its product class. The Sylantro platform provides proven telco-grade scalability, reliability, operability and regulatory compliance required for massively scalable carrier deployments to millions of users.

***About Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC***

Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC was founded in 1993 by J. Sherman Henderson, III as a national sales and marketing organization providing telecommunications services and solutions to both commercial and residential customers. Lightyear provides a full suite of business and residential communications services including local, long distance, data, VoIP and Internet, and offers one bill and complete customer care for services over a number of national and regional carriers, which are tailored to meet the customer's specific needs. Lightyear serves more than 200,000 customers nationwide, generating annual revenue of \$120M through an independent national sales force of Lightyear Agent Partners and Representatives. For more information, call 1-800-805-8383 or go to [www.lightyear.net](http://www.lightyear.net)

**About Sylantro Systems Corporation**

Sylantro Systems provides the premier software platform for advanced IP Centrex and hosted communications services for business, residential, wireless and other applications. The company leads the market in deployments, with carriers such as SBC and Verizon, PTTs such as TeliaSonera, and next-generation service providers such as Level 3, Covad and Lightyear using the Sylantro platform. With a unique combination of advanced applications, a carrier-class platform, and proven go-to-market services, Sylantro allows service providers to rapidly deliver high-value, high-margin fully integrated hosted telephony solutions. These award-winning solutions offer business users sophisticated communications services without the cost and complexity of today's in-house PBX and key systems, and give consumers new flexibility in their communications services. Sylantro is a privately held company backed by premier investors. Additional information on Sylantro Systems' solutions is available at [www.sylantro.com](http://www.sylantro.com)

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