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**World Wide Packets Partners with Marconi**

*Global Network Equipment Vendor Chooses LightningEdge® for Active Ethernet Deployments*

**Spokane Valley, WA, August 22, 2005** – World Wide Packets, the leading provider of Carrier-Class Ethernet Access Networking Solutions, announced today that Marconi, one of the world's largest network equipment vendors, has selected the LightningEdge® solution for connection to the Marconi's IMPACT SoftSwitch XCD5000. The partnership provides a fully integrated VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) solution that dramatically accelerates time to market for Triple Play services.

"Having a company of Marconi's scale and stature select our broadband access solution shows the interoperability and flexibility of World Wide Packets' implementation of Active Ethernet," said Dave Curry, president and CEO, World Wide Packets. "Marconi has a history of delivering competitive solutions to its customers. By joining our relative strengths – World Wide Packets access portals and concentrators – with Marconi's softswitch, we can offer an unparalleled Triple Play solution for customers."

This partnership creates a global referral program in which World Wide Packets is certified to work in conjunction with Marconi's SoftSwitch to deliver derived voice. Several large networks have already deployed the combined offering.

"World Wide Packets' impressive track record of exceeding customer expectations and delivering next generation technologies have positioned them as best-in-breed for a derived voice solution," said Linda Mawson, VP SoftSwitch Product Line at Marconi. "Through this agreement, Marconi now has the leading solution for broadband Triple Play. Together we can deliver a revolution in the types of applications which will change the way consumers and businesses utilize voice, video and data."

**About Marconi Corporation plc**

Marconi Corporation plc is a global telecommunications equipment, services and solutions company. The company's core business is the provision of innovative and reliable optical networks, broadband access technologies, data networks and related professional and support services. The company's customer base includes many of the world's largest telecommunications operators.

The company is listed on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol MONI and on NASDAQ under the ticker MRCIY. Additional information about Marconi Corporation can be found at [www.marconi.com](http://www.marconi.com).

**About World Wide Packets**

World Wide Packets LightningEdge™ Ethernet service delivery access network solution, enables delivery of simultaneous telephony, business and entertainment video, broadband data, and Internet access services, to any combination of business and residential subscribers, using Ethernet over fiber and copper medium. By bringing together the limitless bandwidth capabilities of a fiber infrastructure with the affordability and proven performance of Ethernet, these networks eliminate the constant bandwidth challenges now facing network operators. World Wide Packets is a privately held corporation, and a recognized pioneer of Ethernet geographic network solutions. For more information on World Wide Packets, please visit [www.worldwidepackets.com](http://www.worldwidepackets.com).

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