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SSi Selects D-Link Wireless Gateway to Deliver 4G Internet Service to Nunavut Consumers

D-Link's DWR-922 4G/LTE Wireless Gateway is well received by QINIQ "First Connectors"

Yellowknife, October 20, 2016. SSi Micro Ltd., the premier communications services provider in Northern Canada, has chosen D-Link, Canada's leader in home networking, as the supplier of the first Internet gateway on Nunavut's new 4G network. The D-Link DWR-922 4G-LTE Wireless Gateway delivers broadband services for homes and businesses, connecting seamlessly to the new QINIQ 4G service in Nunavut, along with built in WiFi capabilities.

This new 4G product introduction was made possible through SSi's ongoing \$75 million investment in Nunavut's broadband future, first announced in September of 2015. The investments include \$35 million from the Government of Canada's Connecting Canadians program for the purchase of satellite capacity, while SSi is spending some \$40 million for added capacity and network upgrades to bring next generation 4G-LTE services to all 25 communities in Nunavut.

The state-of-the-art network will help bridge the digital divide between the North and the south of Canada by enabling new products and services, like 4G residential and business Internet using the D-Link 4G/LTE Wireless Gateway.

After lengthy preparation, including numerous site visits for installation and testing of the network technology, the new 4G network was first launched in nine Nunavut communities in April of this year. Over the past months the D-Link 4G/LTE Wireless Gateways have been well evaluated by a team of QINIQ "First Connectors", customers who have volunteered to be early adopters and to provide valuable performance feedback on the new service. They are very pleased with the product, and thousands more customers across the territory are now being introduced to and benefitting from the D-Link product.



Key features of the D-Link DWR-922 4G/LTE Wireless Gateway are:

- **LTE Capable** – LTE Capable - Designed to connect to the new QINIQ LTE network, delivering the most advanced 4G broadband service
- **Secure and Fast** - Provides secure high-speed wireless ideal for more demanding applications
- **TR-069 Remote Management** - Offers remote management for better customer service
- **Plug and Play** - Simple to use and install, it comes pre-configured right out of the box.

“SSi is very pleased with the D-Link 4G/LTE Wireless Gateway, and I know our customers will love it”, said Jeff Philipp, Founder and CEO of SSi. “It’s an exciting time for us. QINIQ has graduated to a whole new level of connectivity, and we are delighted to have the strength of D-Link’s global and popular brand for our first residential gateway product. ”

“We are very proud that SSi has chosen D-Link to be part of this very exciting initiative, said Lou Reda, President of D-Link Canada. “Our company mission is to help keep all Canadians connected and this project goes a long way in doing that. As the Canadian leader in home networking, we work hard to develop the right products for the Canadian market and we feel this is a great example of that in action.”

About SSi: Headquartered in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, and with a satellite teleport and network operations centre in Ottawa, SSi designs, builds and operates telecommunications networks around the world. We understand first-hand the challenges faced in providing effective and affordable communications services to remote and outlying areas.

SSi’s history in Nunavut dates back two decades, when the company built its first satellite network linking the five communities of the Kitikmeot region. Ten years ago, SSi was the first company to launch broadband service in all 25 Nunavut communities, doing so under the “QINIQ” brand name, offering an equal level of service and pricing to Nunavummiut across the Territory, regardless of where they live.

About D-Link:

D-Link is one of the world's leading networking infrastructure providers, with over 30 years of delivering innovative, high-performing and intuitive products for both businesses and consumers. With offices in 65 countries around the world, D-Link prides itself on connecting people to each other, to information, and to new technologies with a constantly expanding range of products.

D-Link Canada has a strong local presence and has been a registered Canadian corporation for over a quarter of a century, offering three distinct divisions supporting three customer segments - Consumer, Business, and Service Provider.

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