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### **SSI Micro successfully completes Phase I of National Voice & Data Network in the South Pacific**

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SSI Micro has successfully completed Phase I of a project designed to bring affordable communications services to the 33-Island "Republic of Kiribati", located 3 hours North of Fiji in the South Pacific.

The solution deployed in Kiribati is built around SSI Micro's "ARIA" software which enables fully automated provisioning & billing of voice, video & data services. ARIA is one of the only turn key solutions available which seamlessly integrates with the Motorola NextNet Expedience® Non Line Of Sight (NLOS) wireless platform used as the last mile for this project.

"I had already promised our staff we would not take on any new projects this year when I was introduced to the delegation from TSKL who were also at the Pacific Telecommunications Conference in Hawaii." said Jeff Philipp, President/CEO of SSI Micro. "After flying out to Kiribati to meet with the board of directors and senior management team in April of this year I was convinced that we could really help the people of Kiribati, and my team agreed – so we accepted the project".

"We were very excited by what we saw at the awards ceremonies in Hawaii", said Baraniko Tonganibeia, CEO of TSKL. "The solution SSI Micro deployed in Nunavut was exactly what we needed for our country and we were very happy that Mr. Philipp and his team agreed to work with us to design a similar solution for Kiribati."

Phase I of the new TSKL service, called Coconut Wireless, concluded with the launch of Internet services to 30,000 people living in 3 communities on the main Island of Tarawa. Two months into operation the success has been beyond all expectations and has forced an upgrade to the countries VSAT backbone to be able to handle the additional traffic generated by the new service.

Phase II of the project is now underway and will focus on adding services and expanding coverage to the outer Islands. The project is expected to take 12 to 18 months to complete once final Government regulatory approvals are received.

#### **About SSI Micro Ltd**

Based in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, SSI Micro is the largest Internet Service Provider in Northern Canada and specializes in designing and building turn key communication solutions for Corporate and Government clients around the world.

Recent award winning projects include QINIQ ([www.qiniq.com](http://www.qiniq.com)) and AIRWARE ([www.airware.ca](http://www.airware.ca)). These networks provide services to 56 communities spread over 3 million square kilometers which is approximately 1/3 of Canada's total land mass.

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