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### SSi's Founder/CEO Receives Order of the Northwest Territories

#### Jeff Philipp accepts honor on behalf of "SSi family"

**YELLOWKNIFE, May 30, 2017.** Today, Jeff Philipp, the Founder and CEO of SSi Micro Ltd., and five other Northerners were inducted into the Order of the Northwest Territories at a public ceremony held in the Chamber the Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife. Mr. Philipp was selected by the Honours Advisory Council to receive the Order in recognition of his work in Science and Technology over the past 30 years.

The Order of the Northwest Territories, established in 2013 by the *Territorial Emblems and Honours Act*, recognizes individuals who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the NWT or elsewhere. It is the highest honour awarded to NWT residents.

"I am honoured by this recognition," said Jeff Philipp. "But to be clear, everything this award recognizes is the result of years of dedication and hard work by a great team of really talented people, not the least of whom is my wife Stefanie. So I accept this on behalf of the incredible family that is SSi."

Jeff Philipp was born and raised in Fort Providence, NT, and moved to Yellowknife 22 years ago. He has always been passionate about northern energy issues and specifically sustainability. He is also recognized for his contribution to telecommunications, having built the North's premier broadband technology company, SSi Micro, which has provided Internet service to 56 remote and underserved communities across the NWT and Nunavut since 2005. For many of these communities, their only access to the outside world previous to this was by telephone. In Nunavut, the SSi network "QINIQ" was recognized as Business of the Year in 2006. Up Here Business Magazine honoured Jeff as Entrepreneur of the Year in 2010 and named SSi Micro the Top Northern Business in both 2010 and 2011. Over the years, Jeff's family and his companies have contributed generously to various causes, events and charities, including the Children's Wish Foundation, Northern Youth Abroad, Kids Help Phone, NWT Disabilities Council and many more. He is also a strong advocate for consumer rights and has been dedicated to fair competition in the NWT telecommunications market for over 20 years.



For more information on the Order of the Northwest Territories, see <http://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/node/298113>

For information on SSi Micro, see [www.ssimicro.com](http://www.ssimicro.com)

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