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Netpower International Awarded US\$150 million Contract by Great Wall Broadband Network Service in China

Project will develop largest Wireless LAN network in China

Singapore - 15th December 2005. Netpower International today announced that it has signed a landmark agreement with Great Wall Broadband Network Service (GWBN) to develop the single largest telecommunications Wireless LAN (WLAN) network in China.

The US\$150 million dollar project will enable the delivery of high-speed data, advanced voice and video services via WLAN by GWBN. Set to commence in Wuhan by mid January 2006, the first rollout targets major hotels, commercial buildings and universities, including the 60 storey World Trade Centre, which is due to go "live" after Chinese New Year 2006.

Once completed, the roll-out will create the largest hotspot network in China, enabling GWBN users to roam anywhere in China with a single username and password and visitors to China to access the network via Netpower's unique roaming technology NetRoam.

After the first phase goes "live" in Wuhan in the first quarter of 2006, another 100 locations will commence roll-out. The cities to follow include Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Chengdu. It is estimated that some 4000 locations will have the NetZone wireless solution by end 2008.

"GWBN has been evaluating Wireless as a last mile solution and as a platform to offer customers basic and advanced value added services and applications", said Alan Matthews, CEO, Netpower International. "Our NetZone Wireless solution allows GWBN to introduce new revenue generating services into its product portfolio, increase its customer base, and provide a platform for the growth in Wireless mobility and connectivity".

"By establishing our own Wireless LAN network, we can take advantage of the growth in mobile communication, provide value added enterprise solutions and prepare for the increase in VoIP communication. This will set the stage for our movement into the future of Wireless with its tremendous potential", said Mr. Wang Jian Ping, Chairman of the Board, Wuhan GWBN. "We have been reviewing technology options and believe Netpower has the expertise and ability to help us meet our customer's needs by creating potentially the largest Wireless LAN network in China".

"We are pleased that NetPower International, one of our SEEDS Capital investee companies has successfully secured the largest single wireless LAN network project in China. The SEEDS programme nurtures young and innovative start-ups who take advantage of Singapore's conducive business environment to capture opportunities in the regional global markets. We are happy to see that the innovations of these SEEDS

companies are able to contribute to regional growth," said Mr Chua Taik Him, Chairman, SEEDS Capital Pte Ltd and Assistant Managing Director, Singapore Economic Development Board.

The NetZone Wireless solution answers the needs of both corporate and individual users by enabling secure access to private and enterprise resources via any Wireless network and has the ability to deliver a multitude of services.

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About Great Wall Broadband Network Service Co Ltd.

Headquartered in Beijing, Great Wall Broadband Network Service (GWBN) is China's 4th largest fixed line operator having rolled out broadband services to over 30 provinces. GWBN is jointly incorporated and invested by the Great Wall Computer Group and CITIC Group with 30 branches nationwide.

GWBN is one of the largest operators of Internet cafes and their deployment strategy is to extend Metropolitan Area networks with wireless technology.

For more information visit www.gwbn.net.cn

About Netpower International

Netpower International is a technology development and marketing company which focuses on the delivery of contemporary solutions aimed at providing a refreshing and straightforward approach towards the way we deal with the world of the Internet. For more information please visit www.netpowerint.com

About NetZone Wireless Solution:

Netpower International has developed a comprehensive network deployment solution aimed at enabling mobile access to the Internet and Local area networks via wireless technology.

NetZone Wireless provides a complete management of the gateway to build a secure, profitable, scalable and manageable WLAN infrastructure.

About Startup Enterprise Development Scheme (SEEDS)

The Startup Enterprise Development Scheme (SEEDS) aims to provide equity financing for startups in the seed stage of enterprise formation. It is a S\$80 million fund administered by the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), which aims to foster entrepreneurship and innovation activities in Singapore through matching financing by the Government.

For every private dollar raised from 3rd party investor(s) by the seed startup company, EDB will match a dollar, up to a maximum sum of S\$300,000. Both EDB and the 3rd party investors will take equity stakes in the company, the percentage of which will be in proportion to their respective dollar amount of investment.

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Background Information on Internet Growth in China

A study conducted by CNNIC June 2005 and Nielsen/NR September 2005, taken from Internet World Stat News, listed China as the second highest country with the highest number of Internet users after USA.

USA – 203,576,811 Internet Users

China – 103,000,000 Internet Users

Background Information on Global Market for Wireless Operations

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OSS Spending Supporting Wireless Networks Surpasses \$13 billion in 2005, Says Insight Research

BOONTON, NJ.

The global market for wireless operations support systems (OSSes)—the IT infrastructure that performs customer care, provisioning, and management functions in wireless networks—will exceed \$13 billion in 2005, says a new research study by Insight Research. Wireless network operators are investing in new software and hardware to support new data services and an explosion of wireless customers worldwide.

According to [Wireless Operations Support Systems 2005-2010](#), worldwide wireless service revenues will grow from 46.3 percent of all telecommunications service revenues in 2005 to 55.6 percent in 2010—a virtual flip compared to wired service revenues over the five-year forecast period. To keep up with a service demand that is expected to generate revenues of one trillion dollars by 2010, operators continue to invest in the OSS systems needed to manage and bill for their network services.

The \$13 billion being spent worldwide on OSS systems and the additional one billion dollars being spent on professional services for OSS installations are required to make the leap to data-intensive 3G wireless network services. Before subscribers can begin ordering wireless instant messaging, location-based services, or wireless conferencing services, upgrades must be made to billing, provisioning, network management, RF planning and engineering, and other OSSes, the report says. *Note: Not Complete Article.*