

Hyperchip Named Hot Start-up of the Year

-- Telecommunications Magazine Selects Hyperchip for Technological Prowess, Impressive Management Team and Financial Stability --

ATLANTA - June 5, 2001 - Hyperchip Inc., The Petabit Routing Company™, was recognized today as one of this year's Hot Start-Ups by Telecommunications® magazine. Editors of the magazine chose Hyperchip for this prestigious award based on the company's innovative technology, strong management and financial responsibility. In all, 16 companies were honored by Telecommunications during an awards banquet at SUPERCOMM 2001 in Atlanta. Montreal-based Hyperchip is defining the future of the Internet with a vision of a cost-effective, high performance infrastructure. Hyperchip's technology is capable of routing 1,000 times more Internet traffic than today's solutions, while improving the quality and diversity of services. More importantly, Hyperchip's routers are compatible with existing network architecture and scale upward as needed –eliminating the need for costly system upgrades and interruptions of service for network operators.

"The concept of scalability has been taken to a whole new level with the advent of the Hyperchip's petabit router," said Sue O'Keefe, editor in chief of Telecommunications magazine. "This is truly the next generation of routing."

Contrary to industry trends, Hyperchip has celebrated many successes over the past nine months. The company unveiled its router at SUPERCOMM this week and, in April announced the appointment of Brian Barry – former chief executive officer of Ericsson Canada – as its first CEO.

"This has been a tough year for the networking industry, and it has become an environment where the most cost-effective innovations will prevail," said Brian Barry, Hyperchip's Chief Executive Officer. "We are honored to have received such an important award from such a leading industry publication."

About Telecommunications Magazine

Telecommunications is a leading monthly publication covering service provider technology, its market, and related business trends and developments. The magazine has an Americas edition based in Norwood, Mass., and an international edition based in London. Telecommunications is published by Horizon House Publications, Inc., a high-tech publishing company. Horizon House also publishes Microwave Journal and Journal of Electronic Defense and includes a book publishing subsidiary, Artech House.

About Hyperchip

Based in Montreal, Hyperchip is the leader in petabit scalability for the WAN, and is driving the merger of the world's networks to provide end-to-end multi-gigabit connections between users, servers and storage providers - regardless of distance. Founded in 1997 after 10 years of patent work and four years of proof-of-concept work, Hyperchip has pioneered major advances in key computing and communication technologies.

Hyperchip has raised more than (US) \$100 million in venture financing from leading telecom investors, including Siemens Mustang Ventures, Argo Global Capital, Vertex Technology Fund, Advent International, TechnoCap, Optical Capital Group, Altamira, Amerindo, Artemis, Enron Broadband Services, JT Ventures, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Pilgrim Baxter, Putnam Investments, and Van Wagoner Capital Management. For more information about Hyperchip, visit the company Web site at www.hyperchip.com.

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