



Lexent Metro Connect Provides City-Wide Dark Fiber Connectivity to the VPF

New York, NY, June 29th, 2006 – Lexent Metro Connect, LLC, a New York metro Dark Fiber network provider, and Stealth Communications, Inc., the owner and operator of the Voice Peering Fabric (VPF), today announced that the VPF can now be reached from commercial buildings in New York City using Lexent's innovative Fractional Dark Fiber offering.

Lexent's Fractional Dark Fiber provides an inter-building fiber-optic cross-connect to the VPF POP at 60 Hudson Street. This all-optical pathway supports high bandwidth, Gigabit Ethernet connections with the lowest possible latency, and "zero jitter", allowing users to achieve maximum voice Quality of Service (QoS).

"Our metro cross-connect architecture guarantees zero jitter by design. It's not just an SLA promise, it's a fact" said Doug Haluza, P.E., Lexent Metro Connect's Director of Engineering. "Because there are no active electronics between the end points, there is no congestion, and the only delay is the speed of light."

The Lexent Metro Connect Fractional Dark Fiber is a more cost effective alternative to full dark fiber and many competitive lit services. Fractional Dark Fiber provides a non-metered passive optical pathway, with no powered components, for maximum reliability and operational control. The dark fiber is fractionalized using low-cost Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing (CWDM) which allows customers to connect via a "black link" using industry standard ITU-U G.695 interfaces for maximum vendor compatibility. The ITU standards currently provide for connection speeds of up to 2.7 Gb/s (including Gigabit Ethernet at 1.25 Gb/s) with higher speeds possible in the future.

"Lexent's Fractional Dark Fiber is a great product offering to anyone who wishes to connect to the VPF in New York City. The setup of the fiber connection is simple and easy." commented Shrihari Pandit, president & CEO of Stealth Communications. "With security and quality in demand in today's business environment, provisioning Gigabit Ethernet connections is very important for many companies since it provides the capability to scale as their VPF traffic grows in the future, without replacing the physical connection."

Built as a private Internet, VPF is the preferred platform which solves the security and quality concerns of the voice communications industry. It is the trusted network for PTT, IOC, CLEC, VOBB, MOS and enterprises when terminating calls and performing inter-office call trunking. In addition to its VPF Minutes Market where members buy and sell origination and termination at wholesale rate, the VPF ENUM and SRV Registries allow members to exchange calls for free. The VPF is now located in 9 U.S. cities and London.

In connection with the Voice Peering Forum Summer 2006 event, Lexent Metro Connect is offering special pricing for its Fractional Dark Fiber connections to the VPF for a limited time. For more information on the promotion, please contact Ray La Chance at rlachance@lexent.net.

About Lexent Metro Connect, LLC

Lexent Metro Connect, LLC is a leading provider of dark fiber infrastructure, and has deployed and operates one of the most extensive optical fiber networks in the New York metropolitan area. LMC fiber connects major carrier hotels, central offices and enterprise buildings with diverse optical-fiber pathways, enabling private and public network operators to deploy the latest network technologies including DWDM, CWDM, Metro Ethernet and advanced SONET systems in ring and meshed topologies. LMC Dark Fiber solutions enable clients to "take control" and deploy metropolitan optical networks supporting high capacity MetroLAN, Local Loop Bypass and Data Center Networking applications with virtually unlimited, un-metered bandwidth at a fixed fee. LMC Fractional Dark Fiber solutions provide the benefits of Dark Fiber at a fraction of the cost.

For more information on Lexent Metro Connect, see www.lexent.net

About Stealth Communications, Inc.

Stealth Communications celebrates more than a decade in the telecom industry with its successful lines of services based on Ethernet and IP technology. With a positive attitude towards improving telecommunications and endless innovation benefiting communities, Stealth has earned a great reputation in the industry by providing quality services and customer satisfaction. Stealth works closely with its customers and partners who are in the telecom, financial, realty, educational and government sector.

For more information on Stealth and the VPF, visit: www.stealth.net and www.thevpf.com.

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