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CTL ENGINEERING, MLS ANNOUNCE MERGER Central Ohio Telecommunication Companies to "Bundle" Services

COLUMBUS – CTL Engineering, Inc. President/CEO C.K. Satyapriya announced today the completed merger of his Columbus-based company with Microwave Leasing Services (MLS) of Canal Winchester.

The central Ohio companies' different services have been "bundled together" into a single source for the telecommunication industry. CTL Engineering is a full-service consulting engineering, testing, inspection and analytical services company, while MLS specializes in telecommunication infrastructure and tower services.

"The two companies provide complementary services to the telecommunication industry," Satyapriya said. "We believe that the telecommunication industry will continue to evolve and expand. By becoming a single-source provider of solution, we can reduce the time for completion of projects. Single-source solution will provide our mutual clients simplified project management as well as a reduction in the associated management costs.

"By being a service provider to this growth-oriented industry the CTL/MLS group has an exciting future."

Jeff Sorge, the president of MLS, agreed. "With the merger of Microwave Leasing Services and CTL Engineering, our customers will now be able to receive a greater variety of services in the turnkey wireless marketplace," he said. "Additionally, the merger allows MLS to encompass wireless communications along with in-depth engineering services that include Geotechnical, Environmental and other industry-related services. MLS will now be one of the very few employee-owned tower and wireless dedicated companies."

MLS was established in 2002 and specializes in telecommunication infrastructure, specifically cellular tower work, wireless engineering/installation and microwave backhaul.

Formerly known as Columbus Testing Laboratory, CTL was established in 1927 as a private, independent engineering and testing laboratory. Initially, CTL focused mainly on soils, foundation engineering and construction testing and inspection services. In recent years, the company expanded its services to the metallurgical, non-destructive testing, mechanical, mining, roofing and environmental service industries.

Recognized by *The Engineering News-Record* as one of the nation's "top 500 architectural and engineering firms," CTL regularly performs services throughout Ohio, the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic. In addition to the corporate headquarters in Columbus, the company has regional offices throughout Ohio as well as in Indiana, North Carolina, West Virginia and in India.

MLS employees will be joining CTL at its Columbus facilities located at 2860 Fisher Road.

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MEDIA NOTE: Additional information on CTL Engineering and MLS can be found at their respective websites: <u>www.ctleng.com</u> and <u>www.mlseng.com</u>.