



WIND Telecom brings Dominican Republic to the forefront of Telecommunications

First and only company to provide Internet, TV and Voice, with 4th generation revolutionary technology

Santo Domingo, DN. February 19, 2008 With an innovative portfolio of digital connectivity solutions and with the promise of guaranteeing access to the most marginalized and non-served communities of today, WIND Telecom, a 4th generation cable free technology company that revolutionized the telecommunications market in the Dominican Republic, formally initiated their operations.

The company, financed on national capital, has projected consolidation of a more than DR\$3 billion investment at the end of three years. It's primarily based on WiMax Mobile technology that offers multi-megabyte speed, better performance, and wider coverage, while promoting the convergence of Internet, Television, Voice, and Mobility Services, using the same all-IP network.

The launch ceremony was headed by the President of the Republic, Dr. Leonel Fernández, and the company's main executives, Mr. José Clase and Mr. Manuel Bonilla, President of the Board of Directors and Executive President, respectively. In addition, internationally recognized personalities representing technology providers were present, among whom stood out Alvio Barrios, President of Nortel CALA, Paul Scott, President of Columbus Networks, Harry Negrón, Vice President of Tata Communications, and Ernesto Vargas, President of MVS of México, among others.

The speech at the formal opening was given by Mr. Manuel Bonilla, Executive President, who spoke about the connective capacity of WIND, while the event's main speech was presented by Mr. José Clase, president of the Board of Directors.

José Clase highlighted the magnitude of the challenges that the nature of such an investment entailed, above all in view of the changing dynamic that characterizes the stage of growing globalization and demanding market competition.

However, he said he was convinced of the initiative's potential and confident in the country's economic future.

"Since WIND was conceived as a project, we have had faith in achieving positive results because we believed and still believe in the investment climate, and if we observe the economic development that has been registered in the country up to date, with tangible achievements on macroeconomic stability and a renewed sense of opportunity, we can look towards the future with confidence," Clase expressed.

He asserted that the strength the national economy presents each day is in recognition of hundreds of businessmen and thousands of workers that, with optimism and persistence, have overcome economic obstacles and challenges that accompany the current era of global liberalization.

Manuel Bonilla, in turn, related that the Internet and Voice services of WIND are based on Nortel's WiMax technology, and also supported by microwave connections and fiber optic networks, to transport large volumes of information.

He explained that Nortel is a global, leading company in telecommunications that has businesses in more than 150 countries around the world and possesses a large solution portfolio for Unified Communications (UC) and Applications. Its technologies have been designed to help eliminate present barriers that impede efficiency, speed, and good performance, simplifying networks and connecting people with the necessary information, when needed.

While speaking about WIND's contribution to the development of business capacity within the country, he emphasized that they have two Data Centers, one in Santo Domingo and another in Santiago, both of which are the most modern in Dominican Republic.

He indicated that through these two Centers, the Co-location service, which means a physical space to set up servers, centrals, etc., is made available to companies and institutions both in the public and private sector, which guarantees business clients optimal conditions of temperature, electrical stability, physical and logical safety, and other special care, as well as a Hosting service, through which institutional users are provided with servers and storage space for redundant data with access to broadband through direct connectivity and Internet.

With regards to the importance of subscription based digital television service, Bonilla emphasized that the innovative characteristic of this peak technology lies in having been conceived to manipulate television signals without having to

install cables throughout the entire city, as well as to reach more remote communities that currently do not have service.

He also stated that the infrastructure is based on the wireless technology MDSM, or Multipoint Distribution System of Microwaves, and that diverse services, among which Premium Packets, Pay Per View, and Digital Music stand out, may be accessed, as well as many others in the coming months.

“While contributing to the embellishment of its surroundings and being less vulnerable to the harshness of time, we are offering a signal of optimal quality, without interruptions,” expressed Bonilla.

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