

## **Tricom S.A. of the Dominican Republic Selects Turin's Traverse(TM) Platform for Metro Core Upgrade Leading Caribbean Carrier Deploys the Traverse Multiservice Transport Switch to Modernize Their Optical Backbone and Support a Migration to Ethernet**

**PETALUMA, CA, Sep 07, 2005 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX)** -- Turin Networks, a global provider of multiservice optical transport products for wireline, wireless and private networks, announced today that Tricom, S.A., a leading carrier in the Dominican Republic, has selected the Traverse(TM) Multiservice Transport Switch to modernize their metro core infrastructure.

Tricom executives said they chose Turin's solution based on the company's market leadership position and strong customer references, as well as the multiservice versatility and reliability of the Traverse platform.

"We evaluated a variety of technologies and platforms for upgrading our existing SONET-based optical network to a high-performance metro core that is optimized for next generation packet services like Ethernet," said Valeriano Valerio, senior vice president of engineering and operations for Tricom. "We were most impressed with the ability of Turin's Traverse platform to provide any combination of scalable optical transport, wideband DCS, Gigabit Ethernet switching, and SONET-to-SDH gateway flexibility from a single shelf, and determined it was clearly the best fit for our needs."

"This is a very exciting time for the Caribbean telecommunications market, and carriers like Tricom are paving the way by deploying solutions like Turin's Traverse that enable a truly 'pay-as-you-grow' evolution to advanced services like Ethernet and the emerging IP/MPLS based core," said Manuel Fernandez, regional vice president of sales for Turin Networks Caribbean and Latin American Region. "We are excited to work with such a progressive and well-regarded carrier and look forward to supporting their success."

Turin is working with the company's partner in the Caribbean, TeleNetworks Broadband Solutions, to provide Tricom with the level of support and service required.

### **About the Traverse Platform**

Turin's Traverse Multiservice Transport Switch simplifies the transition to a converged optical transport network that efficiently delivers traditional and next generation network services. The Traverse platform unifies high-capacity Gigabit Ethernet switching with next-generation SONET/SDH cross-connect and transport functionality in a single shelf optimized for metro and interoffice deployments. Applications that previously required multiple devices and overlay networks can now be supported from one compact and highly flexible system, enabling service providers to profitably roll out advanced residential, mobile and business access services.

### **About Tricom, S.A.**

Tricom, S.A. is a full-service communications services provider in the Dominican Republic. Tricom offers local, long distance, mobile, cable television and broadband data transmission and Internet services. Through Tricom USA, they are one of the few Latin American-based long distance carriers that are licensed by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to own and operate switching facilities in the United States. Through their subsidiary, TCN Dominicana, S.A., is the largest cable television operator in the Dominican Republic based on the number of subscribers and homes passed. For more information about Tricom, please visit <http://www.tricom.net>.

## **About Turin Networks**

Turin Networks Inc. is a global provider of multiservice optical transport products for wireline, wireless and private networks. More than 130 network operators worldwide have deployed the company's flagship Traverse(TM) Multiservice Transport Switch to increase the bandwidth efficiency and capacity of their transport infrastructure. The Traverse solution delivers a seamless migration from SONET/SDH to Ethernet based transport and switching, enabling the cost-effective delivery of advanced services like Ethernet, 3G and IP Video as well as existing TDM services. Corporate headquarters are located in Petaluma, Calif., with sales offices and research and development facilities throughout the world. For more information, visit <http://www.turinnetworks.com/> or call 707.665.4400.

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