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INTEGRA TELECOM INVESTS \$2.5 MILLION IN NORTH BAY MARKET; EXPANDS TO SAN RAFAEL

Extends Metro Fiber Network; Adds Broadband Products

Santa Rosa and San Rafael, Calif. – Oct. 22, 2010 – [Integra Telecom Inc.](#), a telecommunications provider for businesses, has invested \$2.5 million to extend its service area in the North San Francisco Bay (North Bay) area from Santa Rosa, Calif., to San Rafael, Calif. Integra will expand its broadband services for both metro areas and provide improved network access, Broadband Internet, SIP, VPN and Ethernet solutions.

“We see tremendous growth opportunity in the North Bay market and are pleased to add enterprise-class service offerings for area businesses,” said Dudley Slater, CEO of Integra Telecom Inc. “This provides evidence of Integra’s long standing commitment to serving the North Bay markets and represents one of the largest telecom capital investments in the area in years. Integra is responding to the local businesses demand for carriers that can provide high-speed broadband services delivered with Integra’s user-friendly, local customer service platform.”

Integra’s North Bay expansion includes a fiber network that supports broadband Ethernet services for businesses of all sizes in San Rafael, Petaluma, Cotati, Rohnert Park and Santa Rosa, Calif. The network also allows Integra to extend its service offerings to enterprise-level businesses with advanced network requirements that can only be delivered by carriers operating local, fiber-based networks.

“By introducing Integra’s expanded product offering to Santa Rosa and San Rafael, businesses now have the opportunity to enjoy Integra’s local customer service model paired with a robust set of broadband product and service offerings,” said Jason Koenders, senior vice president of Integra Telecom of California and Nevada. “No other carrier in the area is equipped to deliver the localized service, technical support and products that Integra is bringing to the North Bay.”

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The company's North Bay investment is part of its asset intensive, fiber-based market strategy. Since 2006, when Integra acquired the network assets and customers of Electric Lightwave, the company has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in network expansions and upgrades throughout its 11-state service area.

About Integra Telecom

Integra Telecom Inc. provides integrated communications services across 33 metropolitan areas in 11 Western states, including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington. It owns and operates a best-in-class fiber-optic network comprising more than 2,800 route miles in 11 metropolitan access networks including approximately 1,386 on-net buildings, a world class Internet and data network, and an approximately 4,900-mile high-speed long-haul fiber network. The company has earned some of the highest customer loyalty and customer satisfaction ratings in the telecommunications industry. Primary equity investors in the company include Goldman, Sachs & Co., Tennenbaum Capital Partners, funds managed by Farallon Capital Partners and Warburg Pincus. Integra Telecom and Electric Lightwave are registered trademarks of Integra Telecom, Inc. For more information, visit: www.integratelecom.com.

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