

# **Nortel Networks Selected by Swisscom to Build High Performance Internet and Multimedia Network for TELECOM '99 - One of the World's Largest Trade Shows**

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John Roth, Nortel Networks President and CEO, to deliver keynote address on the future of the Internet.

MAIDENHEAD, U.K -- Nortel Networks\* [NYSE/TSE: NT], a leader in voice, data, wireless and wireline networking solutions, announced today that it has been selected by Swisscom to provide the official high performance communications network for TELECOM '99. The TNet'99 network will provide state of the art Internet and multimedia services and connect 1,200 exhibitors who will be demonstrating their solutions to over 200,000 visitors and many more virtual participants. TELECOM '99, one of the world's largest trade shows, is being held at the Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland in October.

"Nortel Networks is building the high performance Internet of the future which will revolutionize global commerce, learning, communications and entertainment," said John Roth, president and chief executive officer, Nortel Networks and opening keynote speaker at the conference. "People will see and experience this future first hand as we join with SwissCom to showcase TNet '99."

As prime contractor for TNet '99, Nortel Networks will supply high speed Unified Networks\* solutions based on the market leading OPTera\* metropolitan Dense-Wavelength Division Multiplexing (D-WDM) system, the Accelar\* router, and the BayStack\* Ethernet switch, as well as training and network management services. Nortel Networks is collaborating with Carrier 1 (ISP), CommSwitch (cable installation), Hewlett Packard (PCs and network monitoring), Lucent Technologies (cabling supply) and Swisscom IP Plus (ISP) to build the network.

Nortel Networks will have live and multimedia demonstrations of the four pillars that are the foundation of the high performance Internet - the Optical Internet, Internet Telephony, Wireless Internet and Intranet Services, as well as eBusiness solutions. Participants are welcomed to see the future at booth number 130, located in Hall 4 and to attend John Roth's keynote speech at the opening of the conference

programme, Forum'99, between 1030-1200 hours, on Sunday, 10th October, 1999.

Nortel Networks delivers value to customers around the world through Unified Networks solutions, spanning mission-critical telephony and IP-optimised networks. Customers include public and private enterprises and institutions; Internet service providers; local, long-distance, cellular and PCS communications companies, cable television carriers, and utilities.

Nortel Networks' common shares are listed on the New York, Toronto, Montreal and London stock exchanges. Nortel Networks had 1998 revenues of US\$17.6 billion and has approximately 70,000 employees worldwide