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Government of Canada recognizes Vecima Networks Inc. as a Canadian Innovation Leader

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September 25, 2009, Saskatoon, Sask. — Mr. Maurice Vellacott, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology), today recognized Vecima Networks Inc. as a Canadian Innovation Leader for developing high-tech solutions that improve broadband access to cable, wireless and telephony networks, linking scientific research to commercialization, jobs, and economic growth.

"Our government is investing more in science and technology because this is how to create jobs, strengthen the economy and improve the quality of life of Canadians," said Mr. Vellacott. "Canada's Economic Action Plan provides more than \$5.1 billion toward science and technology initiatives. This represents one of the single-largest federal budget investments in S&T to date, contributing to the creation of a stronger, more innovative economy and a more prosperous Canada."

A Canadian Innovation Leader is a small- or medium-sized enterprise (SME) that demonstrates specific advances in research and development within its industrial sector. NRC created the Canadian Innovation Leader Certificate Program to recognize Canadian firms that have successfully developed and applied innovative technologies.

Vecima Networks' products incorporate embedded software — developed in-house — that meets the complex requirements of next-generation, high-speed digital networks. Service providers use Vecima's solutions to deliver services to a converging worldwide broadband market.

"Investing in science and technology is critical for developing highly skilled people and improving the long-term competitiveness of Canadian firms," said NRC President Dr. Pierre Coulombe. "That's why the NRC Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) is helping innovative Canadian businesses such as Vecima Networks grow stronger, faster and larger."

The Saskatoon-based company's core expertise is radio frequency technology. Its products incorporate sophisticated software that is used for high-speed digital-signal processing, control and compensation functions in radio frequency circuits and for implementation of high-level digital modulation.



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"NRC-IRAP is playing an important role in the success of this innovative company," said Dr. Hugh Wood, Chief Operating Officer of Vecima Networks. "The financial and technical support we receive from NRC-IRAP is helping Vecima Networks deliver high-tech solutions to its clients that improve broadband access to cable, wireless and telephony networks worldwide."

The Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan has provided new resources of \$200 million over the next two years to increase NRC-IRAP's support for innovative Canadian firms. To learn more about Canada's Economic Action Plan, visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.

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