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Cablefree Solutions announces major business expansion in South Africa

Cablefree laser products now finding wide-scale deployment across campus networks, service provider and CCTV security applications

Surrey, 23 January 2001 – Leading manufacturer of Laser/Infra-Red (IR) wireless connectivity systems, Cablefree Solutions Limited, has today announced major business expansion for its products in South Africa. Cablefree has found widespread acceptance of laser/IR technology in linking campus networks, service providers and CCTV video in an environment with scarce cabling infrastructure.

Cablefree's systems offer reliable, high-bandwidth connections for businesses, service providers and government alike, with a high-tech but cost-effective solution. Unlike radio and microwave systems, Cablefree's laser/IR technology requires no frequency license or planning to operate.

"The success of CableFree in South Africa represents a perfect example of how our technology can provide the infrastructure which people need today" said Penny Lee, Director of CableFree in the UK. "Our solutions enable people to connect their businesses without need for vulnerable and costly leased-line and fixed cabling options, at a competitive price".

"Modern corporate networks and growth of the Internet make increasingly heavy demands on existing infrastructure in South Africa. The demands for voice, data, video and gigabit bandwidths in metropolitan areas require new technologies for creating new and extending existing networks" said Marius Dippenaar, of CableFree Africa. "Optical technology is ultimately the only solution to the bandwidth problem – and cost and timescales hugely favour Wireless Laser technology over fibre in cities and campus areas."

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