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SOLARWORLD SELECTS INTEGRA TELECOM AS U.S. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER

*Local Telecom Company Chosen for High-Quality
Business Internet and Phone Services*

PORTLAND, Ore. – July 7, 2009 – [Integra Telecom Inc.](#), a facilities-based, integrated communications provider, was selected by SolarWorld, one of the largest solar energy businesses in the world, as its U.S. telecommunications provider. Through the agreement, Integra will provide [business Internet and phone services](#) for the company's three U.S. locations in Hillsboro, Ore., Vancouver, Wash., and Camarillo, Calif.

"Integra's business model of delivering high-quality services at competitive rates fit SolarWorld's mission to drive down the cost of photovoltaic generation while producing the best-performing products in the industry," said Gordon Brinser, who is vice president of [SolarWorld's U.S.](#) operations and based in Hillsboro, Ore.

SolarWorld was first introduced to Integra Telecom upon opening its newest facility in Hillsboro, Ore., in October 2008. The location is expected to be the single largest photovoltaic manufacturing factory in the country. By 2011, SolarWorld anticipates employing 1,000 people and touting a 500 megawatt annual capacity at its Western Oregon location.

"Renewable energy is a critical component of positioning our communities for the future. Integra is excited to support SolarWorld's telecommunications needs as they work to expand the availability of solar technologies around the world," said Mike Daniel, senior vice president for Integra Telecom of Oregon.

Integra Telecom is one the largest competitive telecom providers in the nation, serving more than 130,000 businesses in 11 primarily Western states. The company is one of few competitive telecom providers to own and operate its own fiber-optic network, offering businesses an alternative to regional monopoly carriers. All Integra Telecom products and services are supported by locally-based customer care representatives and technicians. This service model enables Integra to provide its customers with high levels of personal attention and has led the company to receive some of the best customer satisfaction ratings in the industry.

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About the SolarWorld group

The [SolarWorld group](#) is a world leader in high-quality solar power technology. The company is involved at all levels of the solar value chain and combines all activities of the solar industry, from silicon as the raw material to turn-key solar power systems. SolarWorld is represented in all the world's solar growth markets. The group is exclusively dedicated to its core business of photovoltaic power generation. The central element of the business, in addition to the sale of turn-key solar systems and solar modules to the trade, is the distribution of solar silicon wafers to the international solar cell industry. Apart from grid-coupled (on-grid) products, the SolarWorld group also sells off-grid solar power solutions that make an important contribution to the sustainable economic development of threshold and developing countries. Under the name Solar2World, the group has pooled its ethical commitment to solar power, especially in developing countries. SolarWorld employs about 2,500 people worldwide.

About Integra Telecom

[Integra Telecom Inc.](#) provides voice, data and Internet communications to thousands of business and carrier customers in 11 Western states, including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The company owns and operates a best-in-class fiber-optic network comprised of metropolitan access networks, a nationally acclaimed tier one Internet and data network, and a 4,700-mile high-speed long haul network. The company has earned some of the highest customer loyalty and customer satisfaction ratings in the telecommunications industry. Integra Telecom and Electric Lightwave are registered trademarks of Integra Telecom Inc. For more information, visit www.integratelecom.com.

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