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FlexNetworks to Expand Fibre-Optic Service in Rural Saskatchewan with CRTC Announced Funding

26 communities to gain 10 Gbps of broadband service

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan — FlexNetworks is pleased to announce that it will build over 330km of fibre-optic cable to deliver 10 Gbps (high-speed) of internet service to rural Saskatchewan. The CRTC has announced a contribution of $9.5 million in project funding for a major expansion of broadband service to underserved regions of Saskatchewan. FlexNetworks will carry out the project, connecting 26 underserved communities East and South of Saskatoon.

The 26 communities to be covered by the expanded service are: Aberdeen, Beaver Creek, Bruno, Camp Dundurn, Carmel, Casa Rio, Dana, Drake, Dundurn, Eagle Ridge Country Estates, Englefeld, Esk, Grasswood, Guernsey, Jansen, Leroy, Lockwood, Manitou Beach, Meacham, Muenster, Peterson, Prud'homme, Riverside Estates, St. Gregor, Vonda and Whitecap.

FlexNetworks Executive Vice President Jacques Taillefer noted the significance of the announcement. "This investment will make a massive difference in closing the broadband gap in the province," he said. "It will give more residents, students, business owners and government entities the ability to take part in the knowledge economy of the 21st century with reliable high-speed internet."

The new funding adds to the service improvements already undertaken by FlexNetworks, and it reflects the company's ongoing commitment to expanding internet access throughout the province. In addition to building an extensive urban network in seven Saskatchewan cities, the company has completed a fibre-optic backbone network infrastructure to improve broadband capacity in 14 underserved communities between Saskatoon and Prince Albert. By the end of 2021, FlexNetworks will finalize a network expansion to connect another 21 underserved communities between Saskatoon and Regina. This new project will add to the over 1,000 km reach of FlexNetworks fibre-optic facilities deployed in the province.

About FlexNetworks
FlexNetworks owns, manages and operates extensive fibre-optic networks in Ottawa, Winnipeg and over 50 communities in Saskatchewan. The privately held Canadian company offers scalable and flexible solutions to meet current and future connectivity needs for organizations, enterprise business customers, service providers and carriers.

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