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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Execulink Telecom to Provide Faster and More Accessible Internet to Rural Communities**

**Woodstock, ON – July 24, 2015** – Execulink Telecom is proud to announce that they have been selected to participate in the highly-anticipated Connecting Canadians program. Over the next few years, the government will work with ISPs to make high-speed internet available to over 350,000 more homes across the country.

Over 99 percent of Canadian households currently have access to basic broadband with speeds of 1.5 Mbps, but newer online technologies typically require faster speeds and higher data transfer rates. The program aims to boost speeds to 5 Mbps for over 98 percent of Canadian households by 2017.

"Participating in the Connecting Canadians program will allow Execulink to improve the infrastructure on our current fixed wireless facilities in Oxford, Elgin and Middlesex, and provide more homeowners who use this service access to higher Internet speeds," said Ian Stevens, President and CEO, Execulink Telecom. "It will also allow us to expand our Fibre to the Home network to the rural communities of Poplar Hill, Melrose, Coldstream, Lobo, Denfield and Carlisle, allowing them to stay competitive with larger communities." Stevens continues, "This is an exciting announcement for Internet users in our area, and we look forward to bringing these upgraded and expanded services to them."

Canadians in small towns who used to have slow or non-existent Internet connections will now have access to faster speeds, giving individuals in rural regions access to basic online tools their urban counterparts take for granted. This move will keep rural communities competitive with the urban market and create new business opportunities for Canadians.

#### About Execulink Telecom

In operation since 1904, Execulink Telecom has evolved from a small independent local telephone company into one of the leading telecommunications providers in Ontario. Through innovation and forward-thinking, we cultivated our local telephony offerings to provide a full-scale suite of telecommunications services including data, internet, television, mobility and advanced voice features. These services are now available to all levels of industry, encompassing 50,000 business, enterprise, government, and residential customers.

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