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News Release

CANADA SENDS ABORIGINALS AS YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA, SEPTEMBER 2004

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OTTAWA, August 19, 2004 - TeKnoWave Inc. is pleased to announce that it will be supporting the growing Canadian and First Nations participation in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Asia Telecom which will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from September 7 to 11, 2004.

TeKnoWave students, Angela Valley, Cree, from Fisher River, Manitoba and Philip Vanevery-Albert, Cayuga from Six Nations, Ontario will travel to Korea as members of the Canadian business delegation led by Government of Canada officials. Ms. Valley and Mr. Vanevery-Albert will serve as youth ambassadors at the Canadian Pavilion and will gain valuable business, trade and international relations experience. They will also participate in the second ITU Asia Youth Forum. The goal of the Forum is to cultivate the business and government leaders of tomorrow as they address critical digital divide issues – ICT literacy, access to technology and cultural issues.

"TeKnoWave is honored to be chosen and to represent Canada at the ITU Asia", says Rima Aristocrat, President of TeKnoWave Inc. "TeKnoWave is an exciting Canadian initiative with a proven track record for training Aboriginal youth in Information Communications Technology. It is our hope that other countries with significant Indigenous populations could look at TeKnoWave as a model to blend capacity building in Technology with economic development opportunities".

"Through the cooperation of the Government of Canada and private sector partners, these young people will have the opportunity to raise awareness of Aboriginal enterprise, building on the very successful Canadian Aboriginal contribution to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Geneva last December. The Government of Canada has demonstrated a continued commitment to the support of Aboriginal business development through trade activities, such as Aboriginal involvement in this mission to ITU Telecom Asia 2004, and through programs like Aboriginal Business Canada," said Ms. Aristocrat.

Mohawk Internet Technologies (MIT) of Kahnawake, Canada's largest Aboriginal owned internet service provider is pleased to sponsor and provide the opportunity for the two Aboriginal youth to attend the ITU Telecom Asia 2004. "Our technology hosting business is growing dramatically and is gaining significant international attention. We are confident that participation with the Canadian business delegation will yield a good return. MIT is committed to developing opportunities for Aboriginal youth and, in turn, we will be supporting the participation of our youth ambassadors," said Joseph Norton, Mohawk Internet Technologies. MIT will be exhibiting within the Canada Pavilion at ITU Telecom Asia 2004.

For the past year, Ms. Valley and Mr. Vanevery-Albert have been studying information technology and business as students in the TeKnoWave program at its Ottawa campus. TeKnoWave is Canada's first national program focused exclusively on building technical capacity within Canada's Aboriginal peoples and communities. TeKnoWave offers a unique blend of training in technology and business, community projects to gain valuable experience, international diplomas, transferable university credits and mentorship from the private sector.

ITU is the United Nations organization responsible for telecommunications and technology applications, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The Telecom conferences and exhibitions are one of its core programs. Telecom Asia will be attended by 20,000 visitors from industry and government from 122 countries and will have 319 exhibitors from 24 countries. The Youth Forum has 100 delegates from 40 countries.

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Canadian Youth Ambassadors ITU Telecom Asia 2004 Youth Forum



Phil is a Cayuga from Six Nations, Ohsweken, Ontario. He recently successfully completed his Microsoft MCSA certification while attending Willis College of Business & Technology / TeKnoWave in Ottawa, Ontario. Phil also has successfully completed a Certificate in Business Management from the University of Winnipeg. Phil has completed a Computer Systems Analysis program from Sheridan College at Six Nations Polytechnic.



Phil began working with computers and computer components since elementary school. He has held various positions in the computer and computer communications field from End User Support Technician for a local ISP provider, Computer Technician with the CompuSmart chain and Hilltop Computers, Webmaster Support with Goodminds.com and Community Access Program Co-ordinator in an open computer lab. Phil enjoys gaming, extreme sports, producing music and repairing imported and restoring classic cars.

Angela is a Cree from Fisher River, Manitoba. She recently completed her Microsoft MCSA certification while attending Willis College of Business and Technology / TeKnoWave in Ottawa, Ontario. Angela has also successfully completed a Certificate in Business Management from the University of Winnipeg. This is Angela's first time working with computers in the IT field.

Angela has also studied and completed two years at Carleton University in Sociology/Anthropology. She has traveled throughout Europe and Central America, but this will be Angela's first journey to the Far East. Angela enjoys traveling, Aboriginal crafts, reading and spending time with her family.



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"TeKnoWave has opened up many opportunities for all of us. Our quality education, friendly atmosphere, and a variety of Indigenous social and cultural activities make TeKnoWave the perfect place to study, travel and develop life-long friends and we are proud to be the first Canadian Youth Ambassadors at the ITU Telecom Asia 2004 Youth Forum." - Says Phil and Angela.



Angela and Phil @ Forum September 9/04



Picture 1 (left to right): Mary Carman, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, SITT, Industry Canada (head of Delegation) Phil and Angela and His Excellency Marius Grinius, Canadian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

Picture 2 (left to right): Aaron Baillie, Senior Business Development Officer, Industry Canada Mary Carman, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, SITT, Industry Canada (head of Delegation), Phil and Angela, His Excellency Marius Grinius, Canadian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and Susan Johnston, Senior Policy Officer, Industry Canada