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Infonetics Research: NEC Moves to Top Position in Microwave Equipment in Q1 2010

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Infonetics Research (News - Alert), a market research and consulting firm serving the communications industry, released its Q1 2010 Microwave Equipment market share and forecast report. The report tracks TDM, dual Ethernet/TDM, and Ethernet-only microwave equipment split by backhaul, transport, and access.

“Though some of the first quarter decline in the microwave equipment market can be attributed to an expected seasonal weakness, it also reflects current service provider capital intensities (revenue-to-capital-expenditure ratios), which are still at historic lows. Whilst mobile operators cannot afford to cap their investment in mobile backhaul networks, they remain generally cash-conservative, and so many are stalling backhaul upgrades,” Richard Webb, Infonetics Research’ s directing analyst for WiMAX (News - Alert), microwave, and mobile devices explained.

According to the report, the worldwide microwave equipment market hit $1.4 billion in 1Q10, down 10% from 4Q09. Year-over-year, from 1Q09 to 1Q10, the microwave equipment market is up 15%. Drivers remain strong for the microwave equipment market, namely expansive growth in mobile traffic driven by mobile broadband adoption, spurring service providers to upgrade their networks. Worldwide, the microwave equipment market, including TDM, dual Ethernet/TDM, and Ethernet-only microwave equipment, is forecast by Infonetics to hit $7.1 billion in 2014.

The majority of microwave equipment purchased (81 percent in Q1-2010) continues to be deployed to backhaul traffic for mobile backhaul networks. NEC (News - Alert) moved into the No. 1 position in 1Q10 for worldwide microwave equipment revenue, edging ahead of perennial rival Ericsson

Infonetics’ quarterly microwave report provides worldwide and regional market size, vendor market share, forecasts, vendor and service provider activity, technology roadmaps, market drivers, and in-depth analysis. The report tracks revenue and units for TDM microwave equipment, dual Ethernet/TDM microwave equipment and low- and high-capacity Ethernet equipment, each split by backhaul, transport, and access.

Companies tracked in the report include Adtran, Alcatel-Lucent, Aviat Networks, Bridgewave, Cambridge Broadband, Ceragon, DragonWave, E-Band, Ericsson, Exalt, Huawei, NEC, Nera Networks, Nokia (News - Alert) Siemens Networks, Proxim, SIAE, Siklu, Trango, ZTE and others.

Infonetics Research recently released the first edition of its new 2010 biannual Virtual Security Appliances market size and forecast report, which tracks the market for various devices such as VPNs and firewalls, SSL VPNs, intrusion detection and prevention systems, and content security gateways designed for virtualized servers. According to the report, the virtual security appliance market to grow nearly eight-fold from 2009 to 2014, when it will near $1.6 billion.

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