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C&W Networks awarded "Best Caribbean Wholesale Carrier" for third year in a row

MIAMI (November 6, 2015) – C&W Networks, one of the largest telecommunications service providers in the Caribbean, announced today that for the third consecutive year in a row the Company has been awarded "Best Caribbean Wholesale Carrier" at the 2015 Global Carrier Awards.

Over the past 10 years, the Global Carrier Awards have become the biggest and most prestigious awards event in the wholesale telecoms calendar. This year's event attracted more than 350 attendees.

A record number of over 160 entries were submitted for this year's awards. The winners were decided by a panel of more than 20 judges, which included leading analysts, industry experts and Capacity's senior editorial team. They were aided by a new scoring system, which was refined for 2015 to ensure that the shortlisting and winners decisions remained objective and transparent.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as the Best Caribbean Wholesale Carrier for a third time. This recognition emphasizes the hard work and dedication of our team and their unwavering commitment to better serve our carrier clients and their customers through our continuous investment and improvement in broadband infrastructure connectivity throughout the region," said Paul Scott, President of C&W Networks. "We are proud of what we have achieved but what gives us the most pride is the beneficial impact we are having, in advancing the interests of the countries we serve and their citizens by enabling e-commerce, e-learning, e-health, infrastructure improvements and ultimately GDP growth."

In selecting C&W Networks as the winner, the judges recognized the recent Columbus International acquisition and the full integration of their respective subsea and terrestrial networks. Also that the company operates the largest subsea networks in the pan-Caribbean region, serving over 260 local, regional and international carriers. Its diverse IP backbone, along with its over 38,000 in-country fiber backhaul and local terrestrial networks that are continually expanding throughout the region were also key factors that



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impressed the selection committee. In 2015 C&W Networks' carrier ecosystem was further expanded with the integration of the recently activated, state of the art 6,000 km Pacific Caribbean Cable System ("PCCS") and has upgraded several other key submarine fiber systems, anticipating and accommodating the rapid growth in consumer and business Internet services, Ethernet and MPLS services, TV services and Mobile Data. In addition, the selection committee noted the beneficial impact to the region from C&W Networks that has enabled unmatched scale and reach spanning some 48,000 km of subsea network and 42 countries.

This year, judges utilized a new scoring system designed to ensure that shortlisting remained objective and transparent. Alex Hawkes, editor of Capacity Magazine, and who served as a judge, stated, "C&W Networks plays a pivotal role in the greater Pan - Caribbean telecom market. It operates one of the largest networks in the region and has continued to bring connectivity to new markets."

The 2015 Global Carrier Awards attracted more entries and higher profile attendance than ever before, with more than 350 of the most influential industry executives congregating at the Salons Vianey in Paris in November. For additional information visit:

<http://www.capacitymagazine.com/Global-Carrier-Awards>

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Paul Scott, President of C&W Networks, at the Global Carrier Awards 2015

About C&W Networks

C&W Networks is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cable & Wireless Communications and a wholesale telecommunications service provider that offers broadband, IP capacity and a growing portfolio of managed services and integrated solutions to global, regional and local telecom carriers, TV cable companies, Internet Service Providers and Network Integrators. C&W Networks operates the largest subsea multi-ring fibre-optic network throughout the greater Caribbean, Central American and Andean region along with the most comprehensive fully meshed MPLS network in the region. Reaching 42 countries, the company's fully protected ringed submarine fibre optic network spans more than 48,000km. Cable routes include the Caribbean Optical-ring System (ARCOS-1), Colombia-Florida Express (CFX-1), EC-Link cable system, Fibralink, Maya 1, Eastern



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Caribbean Fiber Express (ECFS), Taino-Carib, East-West, Cayman-Jamaica Fibre system, Caribbean-Bermuda U.S (CBUS), Americas II, Gemini Bermuda, Pan America (PAN-AM), Antillas 1 and Pacific Caribbean Cable System (PCCS). For more information visit: www.cwnetworks.com.

About C&W Communications

Cable & Wireless Communications Plc (CWC) is a full service communications and entertainment provider, operating in the Caribbean and Latin America. With annual sales of over US\$2.4 billion, it operates both mobile and fixed networks, supported by submarine and terrestrial optical fibre backhaul capacity. Through the acquisition of Columbus International Inc on 31 March 2015, C&W now delivers superior high-speed mobile data, broadband and TV/video services. It has leading market positions in Mobile, Fixed Line, Broadband and TV consumer offers.

Through its business division, C&W provides data centre hosting, domestic and international managed network services, and customised IT service solutions, utilising cloud technology to serve business and government customers.

The company also operates a state-of-the-art subsea fibre optic cable network that spans more than 48,000 km – the most extensive in the region – as well as 38,000 km of terrestrial fibre providing wholesale and carrier backhaul capacity and a growing suite of wholesale managed services.

C&W has more than 7,500 employees serving over 6 million customers (Mobile 3.8m; Fixed Line 1.1m; Video 460k and Broadband 665k) as well as over 125k corporate clients and 225 wholesale customers across 42 countries. The Company's leading brands include: LIME and Flow in the Caribbean; BTC in The Bahamas; Mas Movil in Panama; C&W Business and C&W Networks. C&W is the market leader in most products offered and territories served. It is a major contributor to local communities through its corporate social responsibility programs.

Cable & Wireless Communications' shares are quoted on the London Stock Exchange under the ticker CWC. The company is headquartered in London with its operational hub located in Miami, within close proximity to the Caribbean and Latin America. For more information visit: www.cwc.com.



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