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CNI Subsidiary Acquires Fiber Assets of FSO

Lima, Ohio — January 15, 2013 — Independents Fiber Network (IFN), a wholly owned subsidiary of Com Net Incorporated (CNI), announced today that it completed the acquisition of fiber assets that were held by Fiber Solutions of Ohio (FSO) as of December 20, 2012.

The acquisition consisted of a contiguous 13 mile route across rural Allen County in Ohio that links facilities of Ohio Independent Telephone Companies operating in Allen, Auglaize and Putnam counties. CNI has purchased lit services that were transported across the acquired route by FSO and the interconnected companies since they were originally deployed in the 1990s.

The acquired fiber assets from FSO, when combined with route miles constructed by CNI in 2012, increase the fiber optic route assets owned by CNI and its subsidiary to an excess of 700 miles.

“The fiber-optic route acquired from FSO is a very important span in our GigE+ Fiber-Optic Network. CNI depends on the route for delivering its wholesale voice, video and data services to its local communication provider clients throughout western Ohio and southern Michigan” commented Tim Berelsman, CEO of CNI.

The ongoing viability of these facilities is important to CNI and its clients due to the critical role the route fulfills in its GigE+ Fiber-Optic Network for delivering of CNI services to its clients. Lastly, this acquisition puts these facilities under the control and management of CNI’s wholly owned subsidiary, which is critical for the corporations long-term success.

About Independents Fiber Network (IFN): IFN is a wholly owned subsidiary of Com Net, Inc. that was established in 2003 to create a high availability, high capacity fiber network to serve the voice, video and data service needs of its customers. IFN is also a member of Broadband Network Group, LLC and INDATEL Group.

IFN worked in synergy with 13 of Northwest Ohio's community based independent providers with local fiber assets and established the BNG Optical Transport Network. This network currently represents the most reliable and comprehensive transport network in northwest Ohio. IFN is the established single point of contact for the ordering, provisioning and monitoring of circuits to ensure compliance with service level commitments. IFN is also committed to finding reliable and economical means for covering more of Ohio than anyone else.

IFN provides Ethernet Transport Services (ETS), Dense Wave Division Multiplexing (DWDM) services, managed fiber tail services, Optical Carrier Network (OCN) services, alternate routing services, disaster recovery services, and collocation services. IFN provides national and global reach through interconnections to national fiber-based providers, dedicated Internet access (DIA) providers and voice network access tandem switching providers. IFN also delivers high quality, high definition video content to local communication providers in western Ohio and southern Michigan through connectivity to CNI's digital video head-end (IPTV). IFN's network is managed and monitored by CNI's 24/7 Network Operation Center (NOC).

Additional information about IFN and the services it provides can be found at www.ifnetwork.biz.

About Com Net, Inc. (CNI): CNI is an Ohio-based company that was established in 1993 through a collaboration of 15 independent local exchange companies (ILECs) across Ohio. Initially, CNI focused on delivering enhanced telecommunication features and complementary technical services. Soon after, CNI launched dial-up ISP services to enable early Internet adoption under its trademarked bright.net program. It was at this time that CNI's ownership base grew to 21 ILECs and one electrical cooperative.

CNI's ability to provide the highest quality communication offerings to local providers is found in the company's commitment to operate its network and services with integrity; and to be an early adopter of new and innovative voice, video, Internet access and data applications. CNI's commitment to local communication providers is stronger today than ever. CNI has invested in IPTV infrastructure to deliver HD and SD video over our regional fiber network. In order to ensure the reliability of voice offerings, CNI has added Quality of Service (QoS) and Quality of Experience (QoE) metrics to its traditional voice and IP voice service offerings. Customers of Com Net and its Partners receive the added benefit and peace of mind of knowing the services they receive are monitored 24/7/365 by CNI's Network Operation Center (NOC) and supported by CNI's 24/7/365 Call Center. The CNI NOC and Call Center, located in Wapakoneta, Ohio, are staffed 24/7/365 with experienced and knowledgeable subject matter experts.

Today, CNI's services extend well beyond their local service provider partners, to serve communication providers located throughout the United States.

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