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PBN to open a new R&D Centre in Beijing, China

Beijing, 1 July 2008 - Pacific Broadband Networks (PBN) today announced that the company will open a new Research and Development centre to be located in Beijing, China. The mission of the centre is to support PBN in providing innovative optical broadband products, network management software and a range of technology solutions for HFC and FTTx applications.

For over 15 years PBN has continued to successfully develop and manufacture advanced optical digital and RF broadband products. Beyond the current products catalogue, the new centre has a clear focus to develop FTTx products, network management software and a comprehensive suite of solutions that will be available and recognised globally.

The new R&D centre will comprise of talented senior technologists and engineers dedicated to developing and exploring new FTTx products and network management software. The decision to select Beijing for the new R&D centre will provide PBN with further access to one of the most densely concentrated, yet highly competitive ICT and R&D resources pool in the Asia Pacific region. This very important operation accentuates our commitment to deliver world class optical broadband products and solutions to customers worldwide.

Mr Peter Saglietti, CEO of PBN, said: "By opening the R&D centre in Beijing, the company will strengthen its' R&D efforts and continue to offer customers the best products. Our state-of-the-art facility in Melbourne, combined with the new centre in Beijing, will be a perfect combination of technical brilliance and leadership excellence. Our new approach to R&D will further enhance our current technology platform and will enable us to respond to the ever-increasing and diversified communications needs of the worldwide market."

Mr Bernie May, R&D Manager, said: "I am delighted that PBN will be opening a new R&D centre in Beijing. This is a significant step for the R&D functions. It will boost technology innovation and localisation. The move reflects our intention to accelerate the delivery of next-generation FTTx products. We are recruiting talented and skilled Chinese engineers for the new lab. The team will be a key element to our future success."

About PBN

PBN is a leading communications company that designs and manufactures a wide array of fibre based optical broadband products and systems. PBN provides comprehensive broadband distribution and access solutions to tens of millions of subscribers served by hundreds of headend facilities worldwide. Our offering includes headend equipment, network management and advanced optical transmission products suitable for Ethernet, GEPON, HFC, FTTx and RFOG applications.

PBN has a state-of-the-art research and development facility in Melbourne and now in China. PBN's offices are in Australia, China, Europe and the Americas. PBN is also well represented by distributors globally. Additional information about our products and services can be found at www.pbn.com.cn or www.pbn.com.au.

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