

EPIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., CONTINUES TO EXPAND GLOBALLY WITH OFFICES OPENED IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND NEW CALA HEADQUARTERS IN MIAMI FLORIDA

Charlotte, NC July 25, 2003—Continuing its pledge to provide a full range of next generation access products and services to its customers throughout the world, Epic Communications, Inc., today announced the opening of its Caribbean and Latin America sales and support offices in Miami, Florida and Panama City, Panama. The new offices will be managed from the company's CALA headquarters in Miami, Fla., and will accommodate sales and support staff to further Epic's global footprint and extend its ability to provide total voice, video, and data delivery solutions for local-loop networks, long distance, Pre-Paid carriers worldwide.

Epic will give carriers and enterprise businesses the ability to upgrade existing network infrastructures and extend new last-mile, or local-loop connections to areas that do not currently offer high-bandwidth services with capability of Softswitch technology providing Voice, Video and Data in single platform," said Winsor Pray, CEO and general manager of the CALA region for Epic. "Epic is dedicated to providing the highest level of service and support for its customers and our Caribbean and Latin American presence is further proof of our commitment to this ever growing market.

About Epic Communications, Inc.

Epic Communications is the first company to combine the functions of a telephony softswitch, voice-gateway, video-server and high-speed data delivery in a single network device. Epic eliminates the complex web of network equipment, thereby dramatically reducing installation time and costs and cutting CAPEX to the carrier, enterprise market cost.

Epic's multi-service platform is a service creation vehicle that enables powerful new differentiated service offerings. Epic's multi-service platform collapses multiple pieces of networking equipment into a single solution. Beyond just bridging optical networks to business and residential customers, Garuda's multi-service platform supplies commonly used services like telephone, broadcast video or video-on-demand, as well as data through TDM or IP based technologies. VoIP is a huge growing marketplace.

The Proteus Service Platform, PSP, is an innovative multi-service hardware platform integrating softswitch, media gateway, MDU/MTU functionality, SS7, VoIP, Pre-Paid, data router, and video/content server all in a single scalable platform, thereby enabling carriers to provision voice, data, and video services with a minimal investment in hardware and software.