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Aruba Networks and Babylon Telecommunications Deliver Internet Access to U.S. Troops in Iraq

Wireless Network Offers a Link Home for Soldiers at Overseas Bases

SUNNYVALE, CA--(Marketwire - September 23, 2008) - Aruba Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: [ARUN](#)), a global leader in wireless LANs and secure mobility solutions, today announced that its wireless networks have been deployed by Babylon Telecommunications Inc. at Joint Base Balad in Iraq to provide Internet access to over 20,000 soldiers. Prior to this deployment there was no authorized Internet access at the base for the individual soldiers, making it difficult for troops to stay in touch with loved ones and affecting morale. Babylon Telecommunications was awarded a contract by the Army & Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) to handle the integration services and provide Internet service at Joint Base Balad, the largest US military base in the region.

Aruba was selected for the project because of its mesh technology, ruggedized outdoor access points, and unrivaled ability to handle high densities of users. Mesh technology enables Wi-Fi access points to be located, and relocated, anywhere within a base without installing data cabling. Laptops are located in clusters throughout the bases, and dozens of laptops are served by each access point. Aruba's client-to-core security ensures the privacy of communications and protects the integrity of the network.

"The early results have been very positive, and we believe the new system has boosted troop morale by giving soldiers a high-speed link home for voice calls and sending and receiving emails, photos, and videos," said Chris Catranis, Babylon Telecommunications' CEO. "Aruba's mesh network is very reliable and cost-effective: the deployment required half the amount of equipment of competing vendors. The network is also easy to manage because we don't need any local controllers -- everything is managed from one central controller."

Aruba's secure mobility solutions deliver networks to users by integrating adaptive wireless LANs, identity-based security, and multi-vendor network management into a cohesive, high-performance system. Adaptive wireless LANs deliver robust connectivity to roaming users in need of high-speed data, toll-quality voice, and streaming video applications. Identity-based security associates policies with users instead of network hardware, delivering follow-me security that enhances mobility regardless of how or where the network is accessed.

"Distilled to their essence, networks connect people, and it's easy to forget how isolated one can feel when the sense of connectedness is gone," said Dave Logan, Aruba's General Manager of Federal Solutions. "The Aruba wireless networks deployed by Babylon Telecommunications have reestablished those connections for countless soldiers and their families. We toil to make our networks robust and secure, but rarely pause to consider the impact our products have on the people who use them. Not so in this case. The employees of Aruba Networks are enormously proud to be involved in such a benevolent application of our technology to those in service to their country."

About Aruba Networks

People move. Networks must follow. Aruba securely delivers networks to users, wherever they work or roam. Our mobility solutions enable the Follow-Me Enterprise that moves in lock-step with users:

- Adaptive 802.11a/b/g/n Wi-Fi networks optimize themselves to ensure that users are always within reach of mission-critical information;
- Identity-based security assigns access policies to users, enforcing those policies whenever and wherever a network is accessed;
- Remote access solutions and fixed mobile convergence ensure uninterrupted access to applications as users move;
- Multi-vendor network management provides a single point of control while managing both legacy and new wireless networks from Aruba and its competitors.

The cost, convenience, and security benefits of our secure mobility solutions are fundamentally changing how and where we work. Listed on the NASDAQ and Russell 2000® Index, Aruba is based in Sunnyvale, California, and has operations throughout the Americas, Europe, Middle East, and Asia Pacific regions. To learn more, visit Aruba at <http://www.arubanetworks.com>.

About Babylon Telecommunications

Babtel is a converged communications service provider focused on the substantially underserved markets of Iraq and its surrounding region. Babtel commenced operations in Iraq in 2003, serving foreign contractors and government entities. In early 2008 Babtel was awarded a contract by the Army & Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) to provide its services at Joint Base Balad, the largest US military base in the region. Babylon Telecommunications has corporate headquarters outside of Philadelphia, PA., and offices in Beirut and Baghdad. Babtel is a privately held company, incorporated in 2003 in Delaware, USA.

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