



## DigitalBridge Communications Announces Strategic Investment by Schurz Communications, Advancing 4G Media Opportunities

**November 20, 2009, Ashburn, Virginia**--DigitalBridge Communications Corp. (DBC), the leading private operator of WiMAX 4G broadband networks in underserved and rural America, announced today that it has completed an additional round of equity financing, including an investment from Schurz Communications, that will join next-generation communications with high-quality content for potentially millions of consumers. DBC is one of the first U.S. operators to launch standards-based WiMAX fixed service, WiMAX mobile service, and VOIP over WiMAX.

Among its diversified holdings, Schurz Communications operates two cable systems offering high-speed data services, eleven daily newspapers, ten TV stations, thirteen radio stations, and twenty-five highly-visited news and information websites. Schurz companies have been serving their customers since 1872.

By combining their leading-edge capabilities, Schurz Communications and DigitalBridge will be able to offer customers in markets where Schurz Communications operates affordable, 4G mobile broadband service, as well as local content delivered through innovative 4G mobile delivery platforms. Joint commercial rollouts will be announced during 2010, with DBC engineering, constructing, and operating the broadband wireless networks and local Schurz teams promoting, selling, and supporting innovative product bundles. DBC's deployment capabilities, state-of-the-art Network Operations Center, scalable billing and customer care systems, and solid operating record will be enhanced by Schurz's long history of trusted local service.

Over the past three years, DBC has launched new wireless broadband service in 15 communities nationwide. The company brings fixed broadband wireless services to a variety of customers--residential, business, educational, healthcare and public safety--and provides mobile broadband services through WiMAX-enabled laptops, netbooks, USB adapters and other portable devices. DBC's open, all-IP network and cost structure enable local Schurz teams to significantly expand broadband service in their markets at a fraction of the capital and operating cost required for traditional wired and wireless services.

"We have seen increased consumer demand and usage for broadband services from our cable operations, and our partnership with DBC will allow us to offer high-quality, high-speed, *wireless* broadband services to our customers and communities," said Todd Schurz, CEO of Schurz Communications. "Also, our newspapers and broadcast station brands already have millions of unique visitors, tens-of-millions of page views and deliver millions of online videos each month. We anticipate further digital growth as more mobile devices access our content and services at 4G speeds. Schurz is uniquely positioned locally, as we already have significant sales and marketing forces in place to offer this first-of-its-kind partnership." Schurz explained.

"We believe 4G wireless broadband networks will do for the Internet what cellular networks did for voice communication," said Kelley Dunne, CEO of DigitalBridge Communications. "Schurz' strong 'local voice' and century-plus history of trusted service will enable us to combine the best of traditional media with the promise of advanced media distribution to accelerate our ability to deliver innovative, 4G wireless services to the communities that need it the most," added Dunne.

The current round of financing also includes the following Series B investors: National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), Paladin Capital Group, CNF Investments, and Novak Biddle Venture Partners.

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### ***About DigitalBridge Communications***

DigitalBridge Communications Corp. ("DBC") is a 4G wireless Internet provider using WiMAX to deliver broadband services to underserved communities nationwide. Since launching its service during 2007, DBC has deployed WiMAX networks in 15 markets throughout the U.S. With WiMAX, DBC subscribers are able to set up fixed or mobile broadband service on their own within a matter of minutes and use their portable service anywhere within DBC's coverage area. For more information about DBC, please visit [www.digitalbridgecommunications.com](http://www.digitalbridgecommunications.com).

### ***About Schurz Communications***

Schurz Communications, Inc. is a diversified, privately-owned, nationwide communications company. The company owns and operates two cable companies, eleven daily newspapers, ten television stations, 13 radio stations and more than 25 highly-visited news and information websites. Its portfolio also includes weekly papers, shoppers, directories and commercial printing facilities. Schurz is dedicated to serving communities in medium and small markets across the USA. Schurz Communications, based in Mishawaka, Indiana, has media outlets in Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Virginia.

### ***About National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative***

The National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) represents the advanced telecommunications and information technology interests of nearly 1,500 rural utilities and affiliates in 48 states. Founded in 1986, NRTC provides products and services developed specifically to meet the needs of rural utilities and their customers, such as high-speed Internet access via satellite, full-service Internet access and support, advanced metering infrastructure, SmartSCADA, wireless technologies, power quality products, long distance programs, mobile phone service, IP backbone services, direct broadcast satellite service (DBS) with DIRECTV and programming for Internet protocol television (IPTV). For more information, visit [www.nrtc.coop](http://www.nrtc.coop).

### ***About CNF Investments***

CNF Investments is the private equity and venture capital arm of Clark Enterprises, Inc. (CEI). CEI is a diversified financial and investment company with significant holdings in construction, real estate and private equity. CEI is the parent company of Clark Construction, one of the largest general contractors in the country. CNF Investments manages over \$175 million on behalf of CEI and is an active investor in the technology, telecommunications, healthcare, energy, and alternative energy industries. For more information, please visit [www.cnfinvestments.com](http://www.cnfinvestments.com).

### ***About Novak Biddle Venture Partners***

Novak Biddle Venture Partners is a leading early stage venture capital firm focused on unique, cutting-edge technology investments in the Eastern United States, as well as targeted opportunities nationwide. With \$580 million under management, Novak Biddle operates five venture funds that currently provide equity financing and management assistance to 42 portfolio companies. Novak Biddle continues to seek business situations where the combination of ideas, dollars, experience, and relationships can create long term, sustainable value. A sampling of companies funded by Novak Biddle include: RFID first-mover Matrics, voice over IP trailblazer Telogy, education technology leader Blackboard Inc. and intelligent video surveillance pioneer ObjectVideo. For more information, visit [www.novakbiddle.com](http://www.novakbiddle.com).

### ***About Paladin Capital Group***

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Paladin Capital group is a leading multi-stage private equity firm providing capital for growing companies whose principal business centers on products and services that address homeland security issues and needs. Paladin has over \$980 million under management across multiple funds and 40 portfolio companies. Importantly, the fund's leadership is comprised of individuals with a proven track record of financial expertise, national security experience and specialized technical competence. Collectively, Paladin's Principals have completed over 100 direct and co-investments in a wide range of industries. For more, see [www.paladincapgroup.com](http://www.paladincapgroup.com).