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XCONNECT RECEIVES 2009 NGN LEADERSHIP AWARD
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Global Alliance Honored for Outstanding Innovation

LONDON – April 21, 2009 – XConnect, the VoIP and Next Generation Network (NGN) peering leader, announced today that Technology Marketing Corporation (TMC) has named the Global Alliance as a recipient of the First Annual NGN Leadership Award presented by its publication, *NGN*.

The Global Alliance is XConnect's core NGN-peering offering and the world's largest ENUM-based IP-peering federation. With more than 100 members, it enables IP service providers to exchange voice and multimedia traffic across an IP-to-IP global network within the secure XConnect network environment. Benefits include lower termination costs, higher call quality, simplified operations, and ability to offer advanced services on an all-IP basis.

The NGN Leadership Award has been established to recognize outstanding achievement in the IP Communications community, including outstanding products, services and technologies relating to IMS and NGN environments.

"XConnect is delighted to receive this prestigious award," said Eli Katz, XConnect CEO and founder. "The award reflects the innovative approach XConnect has taken to address the challenges IP-enabled service providers face in creating and managing NGN interconnect agreements. The Global Alliance provides a neutral, trusted and secure interconnection hub, allowing service providers to easily identify and interconnect to global partners based on the business models and policies they choose."

"XConnect has been recognized for exceptional work in advancing IMS and NGN services and technologies, and we honor the Global Alliance with an NGN Leadership Award," stated Rich Tehrani, president of TMC. "With the significant growth in next generation network technologies, receiving this award distinguishes XConnect as a leader in the industry."

The 2009 NGN Leadership Award winners will appear in the May/June issue of *NGN*.

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About XConnect
The global leader in network peering, XConnect is trusted by more than 100 IP-based service providers to supply neutral, secure, federation-based interconnection and ENUM-registry services. London-based XConnect's comprehensive services enable service providers to reduce interconnection costs, improve service quality, simplify operations, and offer rich multimedia IP communications on a cross-network basis. Backed by Tier 1 venture capital firms including Accel Partners and Venrock Associates, XConnect operates the largest worldwide ENUM-based IP-peering federation, the Global Alliance, and the world's first national VoIP/NGN interconnection federations, in the Netherlands and Korea. XConnect has led industry consolidation via the acquisition of the European carrier ENUM exchange e164.info and U.S.-based peering service IPeerX Inc. For more information, please visit www.xconnect.net.

About *NGN magazine*
NGN magazine is the resource for communications service providers and the supporting ecosystem of equipment providers, system integrators, and solutions developers as they make the transition to next generation networks. *NGN* magazine will cover how these new technologies will integrate with legacy systems, and how they will improve service, deliver new applications, and offer ROI to carriers. TMC continues to provide leading-edge information as this market develops. NGN represents the evolution of *IMS Magazine*. Launched in January 2009, NGN encompasses a wider swath of the important trends and newsmakers that are shaping the networks of the future.

About TMC
Technology Marketing Corporation (TMC) is a global integrated media company helping our clients build communities in print, in person and online. TMC publishes *Customer Interaction Solutions*, *INTERNET TELEPHONY*, *Unified Communications*, and *NGN* magazine. TMCnet, TMC's Web site, is the leading source of news and articles for the communications and technology industries. TMCnet is read by two to three million unique visitors each month worldwide, according to Webtrends. Ranked 3,034 by Quantcast, TMCnet is in the top .03% most visited Web sites in the US. In addition, TMC produces ITEXPO, 4GWE Conference, Digium|Asterisk World and Communications Developer Conference. TMC also recently launched new industry-specific Web sites: IT.TMCnet.com, Cable.TMCnet.com, Robotics.TMCnet.com, Satellite.TMCnet.com and Green.TMCnet.com. For more information about TMC, visit www.tmcnet.com.

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