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**NL TECHNOLOGIES ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH
WAVETREND TO HELP INDUSTRY BENEFIT FROM RFID TECHNOLOGY**

Toronto Canada – NL Technologies (NLT), a Canadian-owned designer and manufacturer of underground lighting and digital communications solutions for the mining industry today announced the signing of a new, strategic partnership agreement with Wavetrend, a world leader in the deployment of active RFID solutions.

Driven by globalization, public scrutiny of accident statistics and government-regulated safety legislation, adoption of RFID technology in the mining industry has the capability to dramatically improve the safety of industry personnel and equipment while at the same time delivering a strong return-on-investment.

“NLT couldn’t have chosen a better partner than Wavetrend for extending its environmental safety, broadband network and wireless communications portfolio, said Daniel Rose, NLT Chief Operating Officer. “The mining industry has been traditionally slow to adopt new technologies. Its harsh environments often make the deployment of technologies used by other industries problematic.”

In coal mines, special circuit design for low power and safety circuitry for intrinsic safety is a challenge and usually requires circuit redesign. NLT has conducted a number of on-site tests using RFID technology and through its custom design capabilities, has determined that the technology is ripe for adoption by the mining industry.

“After evaluating a number of RFID products, we concluded that Wavetrend’s RFID solution allows for greater tracking precision and efficiency when compared to other competitor products, Rose continued. “This means that our customers can customize coverage area to meet their specific needs. The Wavetrend team was also very responsive to our redesign requirements, agreeing to work together with our Engineering group to secure certification of Intrinsic Safety (IS) on its products.”



This new agreement provides NL Technologies access to Wavetrend's complete portfolio of active RFID products and services including the company's access control, personnel tracking and asset management solutions.

"NL Technologies have proven their ability to deliver leading edge solutions in harsh mining and petrochemical personnel and asset tracking applications over the last 20 years, said Saleem Miyan, Wavetrend's VP Worldwide Sales, Marketing & Professional Services. "Combining their market leadership and Wavetrend's 10 year history in the deployment of world leading active RFID solutions is a great match for the applications requiring certified intrinsically safe products."

The companies have already achieved certification of Intrinsic Safety on several of their partnered offerings in Australia; they continue to work together to IS approvals in other markets.

About NL Technologies (NLT)

NL Technologies (NLT) has been designing and manufacturing equipment for the underground mining industry for over twenty years. As the first company to introduce dry-cell battery technology to the industry, NLT built its business on a tradition of innovation. In 2004 NLT leveraged its expertise in the industry to launch the Northern Light Digital™ Mine initiative which is focused on designing underground tracking and communications systems aimed at improving safety, efficiency and preventing mine emergencies. For more information, please visit www.nltinc.com

About Wavetrend

Operationally headquartered in the United Kingdom with regional offices in the United States, South Africa, and Asia, Wavetrend is a world leader in the deployment of active RFID solutions. Wavetrend technology enables enhanced management of people, assets, and logistics for improved business performance while optimizing customer return on investment and payback time. Through both its direct Professional Service teams and its global network of accredited application and integration partners, Wavetrend delivers a wide selection of proven, superior-performing active RFID products and solutions to customers around the world and supports a variety of industries including transport, automotive, defense, healthcare, aviation, and construction. For additional information, visit Wavetrend at www.wavetrend.net.

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