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## Chi-X Canada and Atrium Network Set Date to Introduce Canada's First Low Latency Managed Network Solution

*Low-latency ecosystem to provide trading participants with dedicated "dark fibre" connectivity to all displayed Canadian market centres from 151 Front Street data centre.*

TORONTO – February 8, 2010 – Chi-X™ Canada ATS Limited and Atrium Network, provider of smarter connectivity for the financial community, today announced plans to launch the Canadian market's first live market ecosystem, enabling equity market participants to access each of Canada's five displayed marketplaces through a single ultra low-latency connection. The companies expect the ecosystem to be available by mid-March.

Access to the dedicated "dark fibre" ecosystem will be provided from Chi-X Canada's new primary data centre at 151 Front Street in Toronto, which sits at the terminus of several of the long-haul fibre optic cables originating in New York and Chicago. Chi-X Canada's goal is to create a trading ecosystem that will provide the market's lowest-latency, most cost-effective solution for proximity-hosted access to Canada's displayed trading venues, and should be particularly appealing to market participants that currently access the Canadian equity marketplaces through a trading technology vendor and are seeking a lower-latency, turn-key solution.

"Managing low-latency, proximity-hosted connections into each of Canada's five displayed market centres has become a costly and time-consuming process for Canadian trading participants," said Tal Cohen, CEO of Chi-X Canada. "The new Chi-X Canada/Atrium ecosystem will provide access to the Canadian markets and Chi-X Canada's back up data centre in the Exchange Tower through a single, dedicated connection that is not only an extremely cost-effective solution, but one that will free trading participants' internal technology resources to focus on their core businesses."

Emmanuel Pellé, Executive Director at Atrium Network, commented, "Earlier this month, we announced the opening of our two new Points of Presence (PoPs) at Front Street and Q9, Wellington Street. Our connectivity to Chi-X Canada's primary matching engine in Front Street provides critical ultra low-latency access essential in today's high-speed trading environment. Our approach to providing single point connectivity to the major trading venues and our investment in the new Canadian PoPs offers Chi-X Canada's participants increased choice in how they connect and route to this major electronic trading venue in addition to connecting Atrium Network's global community into Chi-X Canada."

### **About Atrium Network**

Atrium Network™ provides smarter connectivity solutions for the financial community.

Atrium Network offers client and industry connectivity via its extranet services (a single point of access to exchanges, MTFs, ECNs, clearing houses, CSDs, brokers and market data providers), as well as corporate technology (internet and intranet solutions). With a focus on reducing complexity and improving operational excellence, Atrium Network provides a range of innovative access options and the ability to self-provision.

Atrium Network is the market leader in providing an ultra low latency connectivity solution to multiple trading venues. Their "Exchange Ring" offers a fabric of dark fibre connectivity to each of the main liquidity venues and is designed to mitigate the risk of any unnecessary co-location investment and ensure lowest possible latency access to all available trading venues.

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Atrium Network has invested in Points of Presence (PoPs) in Amsterdam, Brussels, Chicago, Frankfurt, Geneva, Lisbon, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, New York, Paris, Sao Paulo and Toronto. By co-locating at venues within each of these major financial centres, Atrium Network's clients do not need to make the potentially costly investment themselves, and benefit from venue proximity.

In September 2009 Atrium Network was awarded "Best New Vendor" at Financial News' European Awards for IT Excellence and in November 2009, was recognised as a leading innovator by Financial News in its annual Tech21 list of technology firms.

Atrium Network is headquartered in Luxembourg with offices in London, New York and Paris. For more information, please view Atrium Network's website at [www.atriumnetwork.com](http://www.atriumnetwork.com).

### **About Chi-X™ Canada**

Chi-X Canada is a high-performance, fully anonymous and low-cost continuous alternative trading system (ATS) for TSX-listed senior equities from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET. The platform supports a wide array of advanced order types, is based on strict price-time priority and provides the ability to smart-route orders to displayed and non-displayed equities marketplaces in Canada. Chi-X Canada aims to provide trading efficiency and cost savings to investors and ultimately to help increase market volumes as systems of this nature have done in other markets around the world. For more information, please visit [www.chi-xcanada.com](http://www.chi-xcanada.com).

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