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## **iiNet Accelerates With ADSL2+ Speeds of up to 24,000 kbps**

### **iiNet passes 60,000 customers on its DSL network**

**15 December, 2005** – iiNet Limited (ASX: IIN) today announced that it is now providing ADSL2+ speeds of up to 24,000 kbps. iiNet is the first Internet Service Provider to offer the super fast ADSL2+ speeds on a national scale in Australia.

iiNet and OzEmail bundled customers currently connected to an exchange enabled with special iiNet equipment (known as a DSLAM), can upgrade their speed to ADSL2+ speeds, free of charge as of today. The actual speed a customer receives is dependant on the distance from the exchange, the quality of the line and the type of modem/router the customer is using.

iiNet's ADSL2+ speeds enable effective transmission of data, voice and video over the Internet, often referred to as "triple play." Customers can use high speed Internet to watch movies and TV over the Internet, download pay-to-play music, online gaming, and voice over the Internet activities.

"The building of our own DSL network by installing DSLAMs in exchanges throughout Australia enables us to deliver the fastest broadband service possible at no extra cost to customers. It also reduces our dependence on our wholesale provider, ensuring a more robust, cost effective network and service, with speeds much faster than what some of the proposed fibre-to-the-node solutions can offer," said Greg Bader, chief technology officer, iiNet Ltd. "We're committed to the expansion of our DSLAM network and already have over 60,000 customers Australia-wide connected to it. We're on track to have approximately 200 exchanges enabled by the end of this year, connecting 70,000 customers."

iiNet has also resumed broadband sales to customers in regional and rural areas today, following a temporary sales suspension due to regional and rural wholesale pricing uncertainty. While not all regional and rural customers will have access to the super fast ADSL2+ speeds, iiNet offers a competitive broadband service with generous quotas, and speeds which enable advanced applications such as making calls over the Internet, also known as VoIP.

Additionally, Telstra Wholesale has imposed a price increase for the wholesale phone line rental to iiNet and other resellers of its phone service, making it necessary for iiNet to change the price of line rental for its iiphone and OzEphone service accordingly. The price increase is effective today for new customers, with existing customers receiving a 21 day advance notice before the new price takes effect.

"We're disappointed in the changes to our broadband arrangements and line rental prices from Telstra Wholesale and we're challenging this," said Michael Malone, managing director, iiNet Ltd. "However, while the changes have forced us to adjust some of our plans and the line rental price, we have added benefits such as increased quotas for those affected plans, and firmly believe that feature for feature, iiNet provides some of the best value plans available."

iiNet's popular VoIP service, which enables customers to make significantly cheaper calls over their broadband service instead of the traditional phone network, is an attractive offering for bundled customers. About 15,000 customers have subscribed to iiNet's VoIP service since its launch at the end of August, 2005, and in November they made over 1.5 million minutes of calls.

For more information on iiNet's high value broadband and phone services, please visit: [www.iinet.net.au](http://www.iinet.net.au) or call 13 19 17.

#### **About iiNet**

iiNet is one of Australia's Internet service pioneers, having begun in Western Australia in 1993. With the completion of the OzEmail acquisition on February 28, 2005, iiNet became the third largest Internet Service Provider in Australia, and currently has over 690,000 subscribers across Australia and New Zealand. iiNet has built a reputation for providing innovative, quality and value Internet products, and friendly 24-hour customer service and support. For more information on iiNet, please visit [www.iinet.net.au](http://www.iinet.net.au) or call 13 19 17.

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