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Western Telesystems (GH) Ltd selects SWITCH MANAGEMENT for carrier billing

WebCDR™ to Provide ASP Billing Solution for International Communications Provider

OKLAND, CA - October 10, 2001 -- Switch Management Corporation (www.switchmanagement.com), a leading OSS software provider to the telecommunications industry, today announced that Western Telesystems (GH) Ltd. ("Westel"), the Ghana-based operating company for Western Wireless International (NASDAQ: WWCA), has selected the award-winning WebCDR™ for its carrier billing solution. WebCDR will enable the communications provider to efficiently handle its international billing, as well as provide management reporting and intercarrier settlement.

"WebCDR offers the best value for the money," says Dr. Dave Dow of Westel. He adds, "That value is enhanced each day by the excellent service provided by the Switch Management team. As with all operations of this nature, there is a certain amount of customization that we want to provide in our reporting. Working with the Switch Management team to fulfill those unique requirements has proven to be an added bonus to our choice of vendors."

Westel, a licensed Second Network Operator in Accra, Ghana (West Africa), currently operates a Nortel DMS 300 for its international gateway, and a Nortel DMS 10 for local service. The company, now running approximately 5 million minutes per month, plans to add wireless offerings in the near future, and is currently undergoing network expansion.

Adam Nathanson, president of Switch Management, says, "We are finding that an increasing number of carriers are now seeking the benefits of outsourcing their billing, namely the reduced expense from operating in-house OSS systems. The software application for carrier billing is deceptively complex, and the hardware requirement is staggering. As Westel continues on its upward climb, WebCDR will become increasingly instrumental to its profitability - and overall success."

For more information on WebCDR contact Mark Schofield, vp of sales, at (510) 452-9200 or marks@switchmanagement.com.

About Switch Management

Switch Management Corporation supplies OSS software to international circuit-switched and VoIP carriers. Its award-winning WebCDR carrier billing ASP allows carriers to fully outsource their billing operations, and realize significant cost savings over traditional in-house billing. Switch Management also publishes Switch Watchdog, a real-time switch monitor and QoS alarm management program designed to replace 24/7 operations staff in small to mid-sized carriers. For more information, call (510) 452-9200, or visit www.switchmanagement.com.

About Westel Telesystems (GH) Ltd.

Western Telesystems (GH), Ltd. ("Westel"), WWI's operating company in Ghana, was granted the Second Network Operator ("SNO") license for telecommunication services in January 1997. Westel is licensed to provide fixed and wireless telecommunications services throughout Ghana, including basic phone service, cellular, paging, international long distance, pay phones, data communications, private networks and satellite communications. Westel launched commercial service of its wireless local loop network, its payphone network and its international gateway in February 1998. For more information on Westel, contact international@wwireless.com or visit www.wwirelessintl.com.