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## **iiNet Named Winner of 2004 WAITTA for DSLAM Project**

**24 March, 2005** – iiNet Limited (ASX: IIN) has won an award from the WA branch of the Australian Computer Society for its highly successful Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) project. iiNet's DSLAM project, which is deployed to over 90 percent of the Perth metropolitan area, was named the telecommunications category winner at WAITTA's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual award ceremony held in Perth on March 18, 2005.

iiNet's DSLAM technology provides broadband customers with improved service functionality and vastly higher speeds of up to 12 MB, which is eight times faster than regular broadband offerings. The DSLAM initiative also reduces iiNet's dependence on its wholesale provider. To date, iiNet has invested \$12 million in its own DSL infrastructure and has over 22,000 customers directly connected to it.

With improvements in technology -- and through its DSLAM infrastructure -- iiNet expects to increase the maximum potential speed to 20 MB, enabling customers to receive services such as voice and video over the Internet with superior quality.

"We're delighted to win this award, as it is solid recognition of our innovation and commitment to bring significantly higher speed broadband service to as many Australians as possible," said Greg Bader, Chief Technology Officer, iiNet Ltd, who accepted the award on behalf of the iiNet DSLAM team. "This award comes after recent expansion of the project to Eastern Australia, based on our success in Western Australia."

The winners of the 10 category awards were judged on criteria such as the benefits to users, innovation, performance and complexity.

The WAITTA have been conducted annually since 1991 by the WA Branch of the Australian Computer Society Inc. The purpose of the WAITTA is to recognise outstanding performance and contributions by members of the IT&T community in Western Australia.

### **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 is the third largest Internet Service Provider in Australia, with over 620,000 customers across Australia and New Zealand, and the second largest provider of broadband services. 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 131917.

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