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MERITON NETWORKS NAMES TELECOMMUNICATIONS FINANCIAL VETERAN ROBERT K. WEBSTER AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Ottawa, Canada, February 19, 2004 – Meriton Networks Inc. (www.meriton.com), the leading provider of carrier-class wavelength networking systems, today announced the appointment of Robert K. Webster as chief financial officer. Mr. Webster, who has more than twenty years of communications and finance experience, will guide the use of financial resources and manage the company's rapid growth as it expands its presence within key service provider markets.

Prior to joining Meriton Networks, Mr. Webster was a vice president and general manager of March Networks, where he guided the company's healthcare communications business. Prior to March Networks, Mr. Webster was vice president and corporate controller for Mitel Corporation, where his responsibilities included financial planning and control, management reporting, and business advisory services for the global marketing, sales, manufacturing, engineering, and product management groups. From September 1986 to August 1988 he was vice president of finance and corporate secretary of Trillium Telephone Systems Inc., a designer and manufacturer of small business telephone systems.

"As Meriton continues to win customers and experience growth and expansion, the addition of a seasoned chief financial officer is important for the company's continued success," said Mike Gassewitz, president of Meriton Networks. "Bob is universally well-respected for his strong business acumen and financial talent."

"With its singular focus on solving the networking challenges in metro networks, Meriton is on a fast track to becoming one of the new leaders in optical networking," said Robert Webster, Meriton's chief financial officer. "Meriton has a winning business strategy based on a unique, compelling approach that is solving significant problems for a growing community of customers."

Mr. Webster holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics and achieved his Chartered Accountant designation in 1977 while with Clarkson Gordon (now Ernst and Young), a national public accounting firm.

Additionally, Meriton Networks announced today a strategic alliance with leading global electronics manufacturing services company, Sanmina-SCI (NASDAQ: SANM). Together, the appointment of a chief financial officer and the Sanmina-SCI partnership signify the progress that Meriton Networks is making as a leading successful telecommunications vendor.

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About Meriton Networks Inc.

Meriton Networks Inc. is an innovative wavelength networking company that has developed the industry's first managed high-speed metro (HSM) services architecture. Meriton customers deploy a single, cost-effective solution that addresses the issues of fiber relief and network cost reduction, while also enabling the delivery of all HSM services. The Meriton solution includes metro access, metro core and regional extension products, which are fully managed by a best-in-class suite of network and service management tools. For more information, please visit <http://www.meriton.com>.

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