

# News Release

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## ***MERITON NETWORKS AND SANMINA-SCI ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE Meriton Enters “Commercialization Stage” with Manufacturing Agreement***

**Ottawa, Canada, February 19, 2004** – Meriton Networks Inc. ([www.meriton.com](http://www.meriton.com)), the leading provider of carrier-class wavelength networking systems, today announced it has selected Sanmina-SCI (NASDAQ: SANM), a leading global electronics manufacturing services (EMS) company, to be its engineering and manufacturing partner. Under the terms of the partnership, Sanmina-SCI will provide end-to-end services from optical design engineering to fabrication, assembly and chassis integration and test for Meriton Networks.

The formation of this strategic alliance signals Meriton’s transformation from an early stage to a mid-stage, commercial organization. With its High-Speed Metro (HSM) Services Architecture and strong customer traction, Meriton Networks fortifies its position as the leader in next-generation metro WDM solutions with this partnership agreement.

“Sanmina-SCI is the proven leader in contract manufacturing and global fulfillment, especially for advanced telecommunications systems,” said Mike Gassewitz, president of Meriton Networks. “Sanmina-SCI’s ability to provide local presence and global reach simultaneously will enable us to deliver products efficiently and economically to our customers.”

“We are excited to be working with an innovator like Meriton Networks,” said Dave Dutkowsky, executive vice-president, Communications Division, Sanmina-SCI. “The collaboration between our companies on engineering, quality and processes results in tangible benefits for Meriton’s service provider customers.”

Additionally, Meriton Networks announced today the appointment of Robert K. Webster as chief financial officer. Both announcements represent positive progress for Meriton Networks as a leading successful telecommunications vendor.

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**About Sanmina-SCI**

Sanmina-SCI Corporation (NASDAQ: SANM) is a leading electronics contract manufacturer serving the fastest-growing segments of the global electronics manufacturing services (EMS) market. Recognized as a technology leader, Sanmina-SCI provides end-to-end manufacturing solutions, delivering unsurpassed quality and support to large OEMs primarily in the communications, defense and aerospace, industrial and medical instrumentation, computer technology and multimedia sectors. Sanmina-SCI has facilities strategically located in key regions throughout the world. Information about Sanmina-SCI is available at <http://www.sanmina-sci.com/>

**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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