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Press Release

ITU's Malcom Johnson Felicitates DataWind's efforts for Digital India Presents Award for Most Innovative Solution for meeting the Vision of Digital India

Mississauga, ON and New Delhi, India, December 18, 2014: DataWind, pioneers of low cost tablet computers and low cost internet connectivity was recognized for its ground breaking efforts in bridging the digital divide and contributing to the progressive movement towards achievement of India's Vision for Digital India. Mr Malcom Johnson, Deputy Secretary General of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) presented an award to DataWind to this effect at CMAI's 8th NTA ICT World Communications Awards.

DataWind's low cost internet connectivity breaks the affordability barrier and delivers internet access across traditional mobile networks as the company executes a vision to empower the next four billion internet users.

The 8th NTA ICT World Communication Summit and Awards was jointly hosted with International Conference on "ICT for Empowerment, Education & Digital India" & National Education Awards (West Bengal).

The awards ceremony was attended by luminaries from academia, ICT industry, and officials from the Ministry of Human Resources and Development including Hon'ble Shri Partha Chatterjee, Minister in Charge, Higher Education, and School & Parliamentary Affairs Dept; Dr Malcom Johnson, Deputy Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Geneva Dr. Govind, CEO, National Internet Exchange of India; Prof (Dr) H.S Chahal, Vice Chancellor, Maharishi Dayanand University, Dr. Ajoy Kumar Roy, Vice Chancellor, IEST, Prof (Dr.) R.K Khandal, Vice Chancellor, Uttar Pradesh Technical University;; Dr SS Mantha, Chairman, All India Council of Technical Education, Dr Ashwini Kumar Sharma, MD, NIELIT (DOEACC) and Director IT, CBSE.

In his response to this recognition, Suneet Singh Tuli, President & CEO, DataWind said, "We are humbled with this distinction and acknowledgement of our efforts to contribute towards vision for a Digital India. We believe we have only so far, just uncovered the tip of the iceberg in terms of creating affordable accessibility for the digitally disenfranchised. We are committed to pursue this journey of helping India achieve its Vision for a truly Digital India and we will continue to strive to discover innovative ways in helping the young India bridge this digital divide."

DataWind has received awards and recognition for its technology and disruptive business model at several global platforms of eminence including the launch of Aakash Tablet by Hon'ble Secretary General Ban-Ki-Moon at the United Nations; Inclusion in the 2014 list of 50 Smartest Companies by MIT Tech Review, as a classroom revolutionary by Forbes Impact 15 among others.

The company recently consolidated its leadership in the low cost internet access device segment with launch of its 10.1 inch tablets that are priced almost 25% lower than other existing brands in India.

About Datawind:

DataWind is a leader in low-cost Internet connectivity for emerging markets. DataWind's mission is to bring the Internet, which has the ability to create tremendous social and economic benefits, to billions of unconnected people in the developing world. The Company's Internet Delivery Platform offers a low-cost Internet browsing solution by bundling an affordable tablet device with an inexpensive, pre-paid, 2G Internet service plan. DataWind has been named to [MIT Technology Review's](#) 2014 annual list of [50 Smartest Companies](#) of the world's most innovative technology companies and has received acknowledgement at several prestigious fora including Mobile World Congress, UKTI Annual Awards for Most Innovative companies, CTIA Wireless Show, Forbes Impact 15 List to name a few.

DataWind has offices in London, UK; Montreal and Mississauga, Canada, Amritsar and New Delhi, India.

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