

AT&T appoints John V. Slamecka as the new business leader in Canada, the Caribbean & Latin America

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THORNHILL, ONT, – AT&T announced today that it has named John Vladimir Slamecka as Vice President, AT&T Business Services for Canada, the Caribbean & the Latin American Region. Effective immediately, Mr. Slamecka is assuming the responsibilities formerly held by Penny Shaffer who has retired from the company after more than 25 years of service.

With an extensive background successfully managing international multicultural teams in the telecommunications industry, Mr. Slamecka brings a decisive and fresh perspective to further build the company's business in a key region for AT&T. AT&T's premier customer base in the region requires ever more demanding global networking services.

Mr. Slamecka is now responsible for the strategic direction and tactical management of the AT&T global resources and workforce deployed across 14 countries, including such important geographies as Canada and Mexico -in the northern hemisphere- and Brazil, Chile and Argentina in the south. Mr. Slamecka's duties also include coordinating the AT&T Global Network interface with Alestra, AT&T's joint venture in Mexico which currently has 2,000 employees and a nationwide state-of-the-art telecommunications network.

Prior to assuming his new role, Mr. Slamecka managed a key AT&T global account. Before that, he held various senior management positions within AT&T and other leading telecommunications equipment providers in Latin America and Western / Eastern Europe.

"I am really excited about returning to the Americas business environment – I have missed the dynamism that exists in these markets," said Mr. Slamecka. "I'm thrilled to be able to continue managing and growing AT&T's strong performance in providing customers with the best possible service and solutions to meet their business communications needs, and am keen to promote AT&T's unique portfolio of global services."

"John's extensive experience in the telecommunications industry as well as his considerable sales, marketing and personal skills have contributed significantly to winning new business for the company," said Chris Rooney, President AT&T Business Sales. "We are pleased to have such a capable and proven leader assuming responsibility for this key Region."

Mr. Slamecka is based in Coral Gables, Florida.

About AT&T in Canada, Caribbean and Latin America.

AT&T provides reliable communications solutions to global business customers. For more than 125 years, AT&T (NYSE "T") has been known for unparalleled quality and reliability in communications. Backed by the research and development capabilities of AT&T Labs, the company is a global leader in local, long distance, Internet and transaction-based voice and data services. Headquartered in Miami Florida, AT&T has offices in the region in Thornhill, Ontario

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