

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION PLC (“3C”)
SELECTS PRIME CARRIER SOFTWARE**

**Gains Significant Benefits from Deployment of MOST Dial Code and Rate
Management Product**

Dublin, Ireland — March 1st 2006 — Prime Carrier Ltd., a market leader in the provision of solutions for the international wholesale carrier-to-carrier and retail telecommunications markets, today announced that Consolidated Communications Corporation plc (“3C”), the Russian and Central European telecommunications and internet services provider, has selected MOST Dial Code and Rate Manager product to perform Destination Code and Rate management for their organization.

3C provides businesses in Russia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland and the US with a wide range of high-quality voice and data products designed to reduce monthly expenses and improve productivity. They include: local, inter-city and international voice services, as well as Frame Relay, International Private Lines, dedicated Internet access, calling cards, ISDN, ADSL, Carrier Pre Select, VoIP, Teleconferencing and other network services. 3C has a diverse customer base which includes American and European multinational companies, international institutions, accounting and law firms, broadcasters and embassies, as well as a variety of Russian, Hungarian and Bulgarian companies. 3C also provides many major long distance carriers with the Russian half of their international private leased lines.

3C will use the MOST Dial Code and Rate Manager product internally to assist with the management of its carrier destinations and codes identifying the best rates and additional destination breakouts available and generation of a Least Cost Routing plan, to be used within their switches.

Consolidated Communications Corporation plc (“3C”) selects Prime Carrier software

Prime Carrier’s MOST Dial Code and Rate Manager is the only product available today that is exclusively focused on an industry-wide problem that affects every single carrier irrespective of size, type or systems deployed. Some of these key business problems include Destination ‘Cherry Picking’, Invoice Disputes, Incorrect Rates used in downstream routing and billing systems and Haphazard Destination Management.

“Prime Carrier’s MOST Dial Code and Rate Manager product offers our organization a unique value-added solution to business problems Wholesale Carriers are currently experiencing including Destination ‘Cherry Picking’, where the incorrect mapping of rates to destinations leads to lost revenue and margin.”, explains Graham Pollard, CEO of Consolidated Communications Corporation plc (“3C”). *“MOST Dial Code and Rate Manager provides a level and quality of analysis that is not possible using manual processes or spreadsheets. Furthermore, we are able to identify incorrect and inappropriate codes in carrier’s Rate sheets and also identify where a more granular destination code would result in increased savings and revenues.”*

“Prime Carrier is delighted to add Consolidated Communications Corporation plc (“3C”) to its growing list of customers for this exciting new product. We are pleased that they have seen the significance of our next generation Dial Code and Rate Management software, which offers carriers the ability to negotiate better rates for voice traffic and protect against lost revenue and margin through incorrect or inappropriate rate & carrier selection.” stated Geoff Butcher, CEO, Prime Carrier. *“We believe MOST Dial Code and Rate Manager is the only product that can solve the escalating ‘Data Mountain’ of Rate information, caused as carriers are issuing Rate sheets incorporating rate and code changes on an increasing frequency.”*

ENDS

Press Contact:

Simon Pepper - Director of Product Marketing, Prime Carrier Ltd.

Telephone: +353 1 631 1900

E-mail: simon.pepper@primecarrier.com

About Prime Carrier

Prime Carrier provides best of breed software solutions to both the Retail and Wholesale telecoms market. The MOST products optimize margin for the international wholesale carrier-to-carrier market and enable

Consolidated Communications Corporation plc (“3C”) selects Prime Carrier software

carriers to more efficiently and cost effectively manage relationships between carriers for network traffic. The AM-BEO products accelerate the creation of revenue from network services and improve partner revenue settlement for retail communication providers, content owners & aggregators. For further information see www.primecarrier.com

About Consolidated Communications Corporation plc (“3C”)

3C is a telecoms and internet service provider whose core focus is on servicing the needs of national and international corporate clients in the Russian and Hungarian markets. It has operations in Moscow, St Petersburg, Budapest, London and New York. Since 2004, the 3C Board has been restructured and several key executives appointed including the new Group CEO, Graham Pollard. Consolidated Communications Corporation plc (3C) is currently traded on AIM (Symbol: CCM). 3C’s strategy is to build the Group both organically and by the acquisition of complementary businesses. 3C has subsidiaries and telecommunications facilities in London and New York which service its Russian and Hungarian businesses. Further information on 3C can be found on www.3cplc.com

###