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## **TOM MANLEY JOINS DRAGONWAVE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ottawa, Canada, December 1, 2009 - DragonWave Inc. (TSX: DWI; NASDAQ: DRWI) a leading global supplier of packet microwave radio systems for mobile and access networks, is pleased to announce that Tom Manley is joining the company's Board of Directors as a non-executive director, effective today.

Mr. Manley has over 25 years of financial management and general management experience in increasingly senior positions. Most recently, he was chief financial officer of Avaya Inc., a global telecommunications leader with \$5.2 billion of revenue. From 2001 to 2008, he was chief financial officer and senior vice president of administration for Cognos Inc., until it was acquired by IBM Inc. From 1983 to 2001, Mr. Manley held a breadth of progressive management positions at Nortel Networks, including chief financial officer of the High Performance Optical Component Solutions group, senior vice president finance, and general manager of the Advanced Public Access Systems Division

"Tom brings a wealth of senior executive experience in the global telecommunications arena," said Gerry Spencer, Chairman of DragonWave's board of directors. "He understands the markets we address and the customers who purchase our equipment. Tom's record of accomplishment and industry experience complements our existing board membership and we look forward to his contribution to the success of DragonWave."

"I am pleased to be joining the DragonWave Board at such an exciting time for the company," said Mr. Manley. "I look forward to assisting the DragonWave team achieve its objectives."

### **About DragonWave**

DragonWave® is a leading provider of high-capacity packet microwave solutions that drive next-generation IP networks. DragonWave's carrier-grade point-to-point packet microwave systems transmit broadband voice, video and data, enabling service providers, government agencies, enterprises and other organizations to meet their increasing bandwidth requirements rapidly and affordably. The principal application of DragonWave's products is wireless network backhaul. Additional solutions include leased line replacement, last mile fiber extension and enterprise networks. DragonWave's corporate headquarters is located in Ottawa, Ontario, with sales locations in Europe, the Middle East and North America. For more information, visit <http://www.dragonwaveinc.com>.

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