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iiNet welcomes start of Federal Court copyright case

5 October 2009 – iiNet Managing Director, Michael Malone has welcomed tomorrow's start of the Federal Court case where the company will vigorously defend allegations that it encouraged and authorised customers to share and download films in breach of copyright laws.

Mr Malone said he was very confident of iiNet's defence and position.

"iiNet has never in any way supported or encouraged breaches of the law, including infringement of the Copyright Act" Mr Malone said.

"We do not, and never have supported, encouraged or authorised illegal sharing or downloading of files in breach of copyright laws.

"I am very confident" that we will be vindicated and these allegations will be dismissed as unfounded, untrue and unproven."

"I am proud of iiNet's long and strong record of being a good corporate citizen and an even better 'copyright citizen'."

"iiNet has been an industry leader and innovator in encouraging customers to access licensed and legally available copyright content through our Freezone.

"I welcome the commencement of the Court proceedings and look forward to clearing our name".

The Federal Court hearings commence in Sydney on Tuesday 6 October.

About Us

iiNet was established in 1993 and listed on the ASX in 1999, growing from a small Perth business into the third largest Internet Service Provider in Australia. The company now supports over 750,000 broadband, telephony and dialup services nationwide, with revenues of over $400m, and proudly employs more than 1,300 people in Perth, Sydney, Auckland and Cape Town.

iiNet's goal is to lead the market with the best internet access products, then differentiate with genuine, plain speaking customer service. The company has its own high speed ADSL2+ network, the iinetwork, reaching around 4 million households across Australia. iiNet also has the largest Voice over IP network in the country and is delighted to have led yet again with Naked DSL, recognised by PC User Magazine as the 2007 Product of the Year.

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