BigAir expands broadband offerings for university students to 4 key UWA colleges

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BigAir Group Limited (ASX:BGL) is pleased to announce that it has contracted to supply exclusive managed ISP services at the four key private tertiary residential colleges at the University of Western Australia, adding to its stable of university residential sites through its BigAir Community Broadband (BCB) division.

Trinity College, St Catherine's College, St Thomas More College and St George's College have all chosen BigAir Community Broadband as their supplier of managed broadband Internet services for students in residence commencing from the first semester of 2013. These sites will be commissioned from this week with high speed WiFi in addition to fixed Ethernet so that students can connect with their mobile and tablet devices along with laptops and desktops. The colleges have contracted to pay a fixed rate per student resident per academic month for a generous data allowance. Collectively these colleges provide accommodation for approximately 1,000 residents, with another 500 rooms under construction.

BigAir CEO, Jason Ashton, said "These new sites will further consolidate the Group's position as the leading supplier of managed broadband services to universities, colleges and major private student accommodation providers across Australia." BigAir Community Broadband now supplies its high quality managed broadband service to more than 130 tertiary residential sites across Australia, with a strong pipeline. Most of the division's broadband sites are connected to the BigAir high speed fixed wireless network which ensures a reliable and scalable solution that can deliver NBN equivalent speeds by removing any reliance on legacy backhaul infrastructure.

About BigAir Group Limited

BigAir owns and operates Australia's largest metropolitan fixed wireless broadband network. The Australian business market comprises nearly one million businesses, and BigAir's network provides near blanket coverage across its nine largest cities Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Newcastle, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Darwin, with further rollout currently underway.   BigAir provides broadband and data services primarily through its channel partners who include ISPs, Carriers, and other IT service companies who have existing relationships with business customers in order to deliver BigAir's high speed, cost effective fixed wireless broadband solutions.

BigAir is also the leading provider of outsourced managed Internet services in the tertiary student accommodation market within Australia, with network infrastructure at more than 130 sites across Australia. BigAir is able to provide a complete end to end solution for student accommodation providers including both wireless and wired infrastructure delivering high speed broadband along with its advanced billing systems and operational support systems.

BigAir's competitive infrastructure advantage includes its state-of-the-art business-grade fixed wireless network which allows it to install business-grade symmetric broadband services at speeds up to 1000Mbps and distances up to 30km from its base stations with installation taking as little as a few hours. Most of BigAir's competitors rely on access to Telstra's copper network which can take weeks to install a service and often does not deliver fast symmetric speeds.

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