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Dear Primus Telecommunications Group, Incorporated Stockholder:

We are writing to let you know about some important recent developments for Primus Telecommunications Group, Incorporated (the Company). On June 7, 2006, the Company entered into agreements (the Agreements) with certain holders (the Holders) of the Company's outstanding 3³/₄ % Convertible Senior Notes due 2010 (the 3³/₄ % Notes). Pursuant to these Agreements, the Company (1) will exchange \$32.2 million principal amount of new 5% Exchangeable Senior Notes due September 2009 (the 5% Notes) of Primus Telecommunications Holding, Inc. (Primus Holding), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company for \$54.8 million principal amount of the 3³/₄ % Notes owned by the Holders and (2) issue \$24.1 million principal amount of 5% Notes for \$20.5 million in cash. Cash proceeds from the sale of the 5% Notes will be used for general corporate purposes, including the payment of certain maturing 5³/₄ % Convertible Subordinated Debentures due in February 2007. The exchange and sale of the 5% Notes are subject to certain customary closing conditions and are scheduled to close on or before June 30, 2006 (the Closing Date).

The 5% Notes are scheduled to mature on September 15, 2009, subject to an extended maturity of the fourth anniversary of the Closing Date if equity is increased in the aggregate of \$25 million during the three years following the Closing Date pursuant to issuance, conversion and exchange transactions. Interest will be payable semi-annually in arrears at an annual rate of 5.00%. Under certain circumstances, the Company may elect to make interest payments in shares of common stock, in which case such shares will be valued at the greater of (i) closing bid price of the common stock on the signing date of the Agreements and (ii) 95% of the daily volume weighted-average price of the common stock for the three-day period ending on the trading day prior to the interest payment date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Holders will be entitled to receive the first two semi-annual interest payments wholly in cash.

The 5% Notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture, which we expect to contain customary terms and conditions for an issuance of this type. The 5% Notes are exchangeable into the Company's common stock at a conversion price of \$1.20 per share of common stock, subject to customary adjustments for stock splits and other similar events. As of the date of the Agreements, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$0.69 per share.

In the event that the closing bid price of the Company's common stock, for at least 20 trading days in any consecutive 30 trading-day period, exceeds 150% of the conversion price then in effect, the Company may elect to call the 5% Notes for cash at par, or the Company may elect to exchange such 5% Notes for shares of Company common stock at the conversion price, subject to certain conditions, including that no more than 50% of the 5% Notes may be exchanged by the Company within any 30-day period.

The Indenture that will govern the 5% Notes is expected to contain various events of default, including payment defaults, breach of covenants, acceleration of any indebtedness of \$25 million or more, failure to pay a judgment in excess of \$25 million and bankruptcy events. The terms of the 5% Notes will differ from the 3³/₄ % Notes, including that they (1) will be direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Primus Holding and will rank pari passu with Primus Holding's existing 8% Senior Notes due 2014, (2) will be guaranteed by the Company on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis, (3) carry a higher interest coupon, and (4) bear a lower conversion price for Company common stock. The 5% Notes issued in the exchange and sale transactions will be recorded by the Company at less than the principal face amount (a discount), which discount will be accreted over the life of the 5% Notes and will result in non-cash interest expense being recorded by the Company.

The closing of the exchange and sale of the 5% Notes described above are conditioned upon, among other matters, the exchange of not less than \$46 million principal amount of the outstanding 3³/₄% Notes and the sale for cash of not less than \$21.2 million principal amount of 5% Notes, and the approval by the requisite vote of the Company's stockholders of one of the two Charter amendment proposals described in the Company's proxy statement dated April 24, 2006 for its annual meeting of stockholders on May 30, 2006, which was adjourned until June 20, 2006 (the Annual Meeting). Each of these two alternative Charter proposals would increase the amount of authorized but unissued common stock of the Company which will serve to, among other things, facilitate the reservation of common shares issuable upon conversion of the 5% Notes. The first of these two proposals involves an amendment to the Company's First Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the Charter) providing for a one-for-ten (1-for-10) reverse stock split of the Company's issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, and the second of these two proposals involves an amendment to the Company's Charter to increase the number of authorized shares of Common Stock from 150,000,000 to 300,000,000. In the event both of these proposals are approved, the Board of Directors would be authorized to implement one of these two proposals, in its discretion, without further approval or authorization of the Company's stockholders.

On May 30, 2006, the Company announced the adjournment of its Annual Meeting to June 20, 2006 to enable the broad dissemination of the important developments described above. As of today's date, the Company has received votes from stockholders that would constitute a proper quorum and that would constitute sufficient stockholder approval of each proposal for the Annual Meeting, as described in our April 24, 2006 proxy statement. If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to return the proxy card previously provided with the proxy statement as soon as possible. If the proxy card has already been or will be properly signed and returned to the Company, or if you have voted or will vote via the Internet or by phone, and your vote is not revoked, it will be voted as directed by you. If you wish to revoke a previously granted proxy at any time before it is exercised at the Annual Meeting, you may do so by filing with the Secretary of the Company a written notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. For more information about the proposals and the means by which you may vote, please see the Company's April 24, 2006 proxy statement. **If you have already properly signed and returned your proxy or otherwise voted and do not wish to change your vote, you do not need to take any further action.**

We thank you for your continued support.

/s/ K. Paul Singh
K. Paul Singh
Chairman of the Board of Directors,

President and Chief Executive Officer